

Russia rejects Peking call for border talks

Yesterday rejected China's conditions for negotiations on the two countries' border dispute. Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, said the Chinese proposals were "absolutely unacceptable".

Terms unacceptable to Mr Brezhnev

Bator, Mongolia, Nov 26.—Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, today rejected Chinese conditions for talks to settle the border dispute between the two countries. He said the Chinese had offered withdrawal of Soviet troops from disputed areas on the Soviet side of the frontier as a condition for serious negotiations. "It is quite obvious that a position is also unacceptable and we will not accept it," he told a rally here marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Mongolian Republic.

He repeated Soviet willingness to offer peace guarantees for all countries in the Middle East, including Israel, but attacked Israel's "brazen, provocative policy" which openly envisaged a peace settlement. He welcomed the Arab summit decision at Rabat recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization as sole representative of the Palestinian Arabs. Mr Tsedenbal said Peking's policies aimed at aggravating tensions had broken with Marxism-Leninism and were based on great-power chauvinism and expansionist aims. Mongolia has firmly aligned itself with the Soviet Union in the Peking-Moscow quarrel.

Rating aid grant to rise by £2,000m

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent The Government yesterday announced its largest rate support grant ever to local authorities, in terms of both size and proportion. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the result of this "very generous settlement" should be an average rate increase of a quarter for domestic ratepayers next year, and a fifth for non-domestic ratepayers.

Tunnel rail link plans dropped as too costly

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster Plans for a high-speed rail link between the proposed Channel tunnel near Folkestone and the White City in London have been abandoned by the Government because of mounting costs. The French Government and the two Channel tunnel companies were formally asked yesterday by the British Government to renegotiate the timetable of the project to allow lower-cost alternatives to be thoroughly examined before any decision is made whether or not to build the tunnel.

Interest rates fall in America as recession fears grow

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Nov 26 Leading American bankers, confident that short-term interest rates must decline further, are now all preparing for reductions in their prime lending rates. Naturally the forecasts on rates depend to a great extent on the general outlook for the economy.

China tells US to cut Taiwan link

China gave a broad hint to the United States yesterday that it was time America drew its recognition of the Taiwan link. Mr Teng Hsiao-ting, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, told Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, who is visiting Peking, that it would be a good thing if their talks could be held in Washington as well as Peking.

Kurds deny their leader is dead

Rumours that General Barzani, leader of the Kurdish rebels in Iraq, had died in an Iranian hospital were categorically denied in London last night. The spokesman of the Kurdistan Democratic Party said he had been in touch with headquarters in northern Iraq. General Barzani was alive and well and was directing operations there.

Resident says France can overcome crisis

President Giscard d'Estaing assured the French yesterday that they had the power to overcome the economic crisis facing their country. They were not in a great depression and France's difficulties were part of a world problem, he said in a broadcast. Once this was overcome he saw a bright future for business and workers alike. In the meantime the Government will ensure that the burden was shared equitably.

Damages in marks

Because of the Treaty of Rome, the centuries-old rule that judgments for money in English courts must be expressed in sterling no longer holds good. The Court of Appeal decided this in the first case in which it has applied Community law, in which a judgment for a German firm was given in Deutsche marks.

Still the greatest French impressionist... ever



Gallantry awards: The Queen in a good-humoured moment with the family of Inspector Det Constable Peter Edmunds and Mr James Beaton after she presented him with the George Cross yesterday for outstanding courage during the attempt to kidnap Princess Anne in the Mall last March.

Special Branch calls in extra men for anti-terrorist work

By Clive Borrell Special Branch detectives are to be recruited from the provinces to strengthen the department in London after Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, publishes his new Bill to combat the IRA tomorrow. A conference was held at Scotland Yard last night, at which all district commanders and senior detectives were briefed on the Bill, which the Government hopes will become law by Friday.

Tanker collision threatens Channel beaches

Le Havre, Nov 26.—An oil slick more than a mile long and four inches deep was drifting in the Normandy beaches tonight after the collision of two tankers in the Channel. It came from the gashed hull of the Danish tanker, Peter Maersk, which was helped into Le Havre by tugs, having lost 1,670 tons of oil. The French tanker, Chaumont, made port with no apparent damage. No injuries were reported.

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HOME NEWS

Moves to speed anti-IRA Bill

By Geoffrey Smith Political Staff
Moves were afoot at Westminster yesterday to prevent the restoration of capital punishment from being delayed...

Members of all parties are aware through their postbags of the force of public opinion...

One, which has been tabled by Mr Ian Paisley, QC, Conservative MP for Southport...

Five Labour MPs, Mr Brian Walden, Mr Richard Crossman, Mr John Lee, Mr Raphael Buck...

Another motion, tabled by Mr Robert Banks, Conservative MP for Harrogate...



Post Office workers sealing a pillar-box in Fleet Street, London, yesterday as a precaution against bomb attacks.

Many MPs in the present House had not been elected then.

An amendment to this motion was put down last night by Sir Frederick Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay...

The third motion, tabled by Dr A. Glynn, Conservative MP for Windsor and Maidenhead...

For the restoration of capital punishment is uncertain. It would have to be considered by the Speaker...

There are reasons for believing that the terms may be drawn stringently with a view to limiting the scope for amendments...

But if no date has been fixed for a separate debate on capital punishment, there is no doubt that an attempt to move such an amendment will be made.

yesterday, but it is confidently expected that the announcement will be made before the second reading.

That would make it easier for Conservative leaders to suggest to their supporters that they should not press for amendments...

In order to speed the process Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, said that as it was likely that the Bill would not reach the Upper House until late in the year...

terrorism, which could then be debated before the Bill itself reached the Lords.

At the end of that debate the Lords would, if necessary, adjourn until the Bill was re-passed...

The national executive is already committed to holding a special conference on the renegotiation, and few inside the party believe that the proposal will not be approved this week.

Death and fog in a Belfast street

From Robert Fisk Belfast

None of the neighbours seemed to know who he was. In Duncairn Gardens last night, with thick fog drifting past...

Another woman, slightly younger, with brown hair in curls, walked up to the dead man's antique shop...

Even the police were not sure how many men had entered the shop, although they were in the airport street over the road...

A policeman, a tall detective superintendent in a brown sports jacket and a pork-pie hat, was standing at the door.

Yesterday evening's murder, at 12 minutes past four, was the eleventh in five days.

In slightly more austere surroundings, Mr Rees, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, had earlier issued a statement from Stormont Castle...

Petrol attack on Irishman's home

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

Five days after the public-house bombings, Birmingham's city centre had established itself yesterday on a full and indefinite emergency footing...

Public-house staff already searching customers will get a revised safety code from the brewery next week...

A mindless and happily ineffective revenge attack with a petrol bomb on the house of an Irish family in the city during the night served as a reminder that a reverse traffic in violence is still not under control...

The attack was on the home of Mr Thomas Burns, a British Leyland worker, who lives at Perry Barr.

Mr Burns, who came from Northern Ireland eight years ago, said: "I have absolutely no connexion with politics but I think all people who originate from Ulster should take this as a warning."

A meeting of 21 licensees from public houses owned by Mitchells and Butlers...

Mitchells and Butlers, which owned both the bombed public houses, said that the deliberate low lighting, which contributed to the fire...

Mr Maurice Buck, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) of the West Midlands who has led the hunt for terrorists in the past 15 months...

He felt that the proposed government anti-terrorist legislation, which he thought the public would accept as a temporary but necessary inconvenience...

Jail for two who left hoax bomb in bar

Two men who created widespread panic and terror by planting a hoax parcel bomb in a crowded wine bar...

Mr John Embler, the magistrate, told them: "This was an affront to peaceable society. You are lucky that those persons affected did not find you and lynch you."

Barry Frick, aged 29, a Post Office engineer, of Tinson Street, Fallowfield, and Stuart Earle, aged 22, of Nicholas Street, Manchester, admitted planting the "bomb" likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Mr David Gandy, for the prosecution, said it was difficult to imagine a more irresponsible act against the inflammatory background of the recent Birmingham outrages...

Mr Charles Stansfield, for the defence, said the men deeply regretted their behaviour. They had been drinking heavily and conceived the idea to play a prank on a friend drinking in the bar.

Mr Shore sees pro-EEC bias

By Our Political Staff

Expressing his full support for the speech by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last weekend in which he said that the conference, although an important sounding board, could not dictate to MPs...

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Anti-Europeans launch strong push for the Labour conference

By Michael Hatfield Political Staff

The Government is faced with a determined push by the anti-Europeans in Labour's ranks at the postponed annual Labour Party conference beginning in London today.

Not only are there three emergency resolutions on the EEC but reports from a caucus meeting of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers last night indicated that the union will drop its support for two Europeanists on the party's national executive committee.

Mr Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr Bradley, a former parliamentary private secretary to Mr Jenkins who was in the running to be vice-chairman of the party next year.

Although Mrs Williams's position on the executive should be safe, Mr Bradley's may not be. Should he fail to hold his seat the left wing might increase its domination of the national executive and, consequently, add to Mr Wilson's difficulties when EEC renegotiation has been completed.

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Office; Miss Lestor was one of the three ministers on the executive who supported a resolution deploring the Government's policy on South Africa.

There are four emergency resolutions on South Africa, and altogether 63 resolutions covering 24 subjects. Their fate rests with the recommendations of the arrangements committee to the conference today.

The reason for the flood of emergency resolutions is the executive's decision to abandon the normal party agenda because of the general election. Constituency parties and unions were asked to submit emergency resolutions if they wished; there is an abundance of them as a consequence.

The conference this year is also dealing with the revision of rules, which could take up a vast amount of time. Mr Hayward, general secretary, said yesterday that he did not think delegates would want to take up too much time on the revision of rules if they wanted political debates.

As the present agenda stands, seven sessions on party reorganisation must be crammed into the four-day conference; but that provisional arrangement is unlikely to last more than 24 hours. The general view of party managers is that delegates will want to debate meatier matters.

Strong demands that the Cabinet, the Parliamentary Labour Party and individual Labour MPs should not set out an emergency resolution congratulating and endorsing the executive's decision. This resolution should be called preferably by the end of June, 1975.

The final selection of emergency resolutions had not been made by last night but it was agreed at an NEC meeting earlier that the EEC should be the subject of one of the debates. Other topics likely to be debated are the economy, housing and South Africa.

The detailed discussions of the executive were endorsed by Mr Wilson when he suggested, somewhat piquantly, that the executive's spokesman on South Africa should be Miss Joan Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign

the national executive of party conference was headed in the right direction. Mr Ian Mikardo said that course members of the Labour Party lived by a system checks and balances but would not work if one side or the other tried to overplay hand.

Mr Frank Allaun said: "What is the good of holding a conference if its decisions are to be flouted by the parliamentary leadership?" There be no more carpetbag ministers who upheld the decisions of conference," he said.

Mr Dennis Skinner said: "Groveling patois which existed when the party in government would be eradicated until the party whole elected the Cabinet, did the leader and the 50 Cabinet in opposition."

One of the early debates the conference will be on Government's handling of economy, which is criticized all the 11 emergency resolutions on that subject. A resolution from Bristol, east, says: "We regard recent Budget as a shift of economy away from so principles towards a Capital Market rules and the success of the principles of Rumania treaty, although people of this country have expressed their of through a referendum."

The Association of Scientific and Manufacturing Staffs asks the conference to reject the idea of a 'Rumania treaty' for investment under the terms of commercial set. It says that that proposal not contained in any conference decision and that it must in fact undermine the Na Enterprise Board.

Three identical resolutions from Gloucestershire, Dulwich and Surrey, East press concern at recent changes between the Minister and ministers members of the NEC. To the conference to reaffirm constitutional position. It elected members of the are individually and collectively responsible solely to the conference for their behaviour on the NEC."

Boy says he attacked man after homosexual advance

A boy, aged 15, accused of murder told a jury at Leeds Crown Court yesterday that he got angry with an old man because he made a homosexual advance to him. He admitted striking the man, but said: "I never intended to kill him."

The boy, of Bradford, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mr Herbert Holroyd, aged 78, who lived in an old people's flat at Ringwood Road, Bradford.

Mr David Savill, QC, for prosecution, has alleged that the boy beat up, stabbed and strangled Mr Holroyd when he was lying in bed because he would not give him money.

In evidence, the boy said he first got to know Mr Holroyd in April and used to tidy up his flat. On June 24 he went round to the flat with his cousin, who later went home alone.

He said Mr Holroyd asked him if he had ever had a sexual relationship with a man. "I swore at him and said I hadn't. When I was 11 I was assaulted by my then stepfather. I was ashamed of it. I always think about it as filthy," the boy said.

Nurse wins appeal plea in Broadmoor case

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Backlog of serious crime cases cut

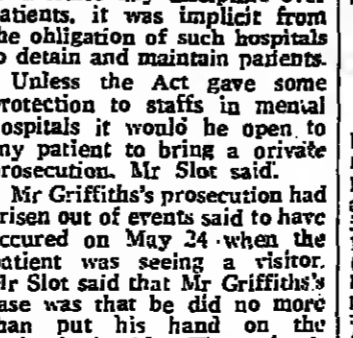
By Our Legal Correspondent

There has been a startling improvement in clearing up the backlog of serious criminal cases waiting to come to trial in London, Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, said in London yesterday. Only 13 months ago, he said, 2,300 defendants were awaiting trial in the Crown Courts in London...

The new complex is in an existing Victorian building, which formerly housed a school for orphans, the Royal Wansley school, which was closed in 1971. For convenience of legal history, yesterday provided an important "first", a Lord Chief Justice of England sitting, in the same case, with two lay magistrates. Since the Courts Act, 1971, judges and

Weather forecast and recordings

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars. FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded. Symbols are as in adjoining page.



Today Sunrise: 7:38 am, Sunset: 3:58 pm, Moon sets: 5:55 am, 2:30 pm. Full Moon: November 29. Lighting up: 4:28 pm in 7.9 am, High water: London Bridge, 11.48 am, 5.4m (21.0ft), Avonmouth, 5.7 am, 11.7m (38.3ft), 5:33 pm, 12.0m (39.3ft), Dover, 9.8 am, 6.0m (19.8ft), 9:37 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft), Hull, 3:32 am, 6.6m (21.5ft), 4:30 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft), Liverpool, 9:20 am, 7.8m (25.7ft), 9:35 pm, 8.0m (26.4ft).

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Correction

Mr Ray Bell, who was mentioned in a brief report, "Parliamentary report on November 23, 1974," is a psychologist, not a psychiatrist.

Cigarette prices go up

Gallagher announced yesterday that the prices of most of the cigarettes, cigars and tobacco will be increased by at least a penny because of rising costs.

Petrol limit protest

Garage proprietors' breakdown vehicles will go in central London on Dec 11 as a protest against the restrictions on petrol. Petroleum Retailers' Association said yesterday.

Free Election in Israel

Free Election in Israel. Ford-Brezhnev Summit. Who Controls China? Unemployment fears in Europe.

ON SALE NOW



ME NEWS

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Crowther-Hunt, Min-
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nday Mr Prentice, Sec-
of State for Educa-
tion, told MPs that the
set in 1972, was now
revised 640,000
best estimate.

Girl 'bought
petrol
to burn body
of man'

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham
A girl, aged 18, was sent to
buy petrol to burn the body of
a man killed by her lover, a
court was told yesterday. Then
Kenneth Christopher Raisin,
aged 35, burnt the body in the
man's back garden, Mr Charles
McCullough, QC, for the
prosecution, said.
He told Nottingham Crown
Court that Mr Raisin and Miss
Carol England went as lodgers
at £5 a week with Mr Gregory
Homiak, aged 55, a Polish
Kerwinian, of Carter Lane East,
South Norampton, Derbyshire,
after his wife left him in April,
1973.
Mr McCullough said that in
November last year Mr Raisin
killed Mr Homiak, a bakery
worker, with an axe in his living
room. Afterwards Miss England
was sent to buy wallpaper to
re-paper part of the room
marked by bloodstains.
After burning the body,
Raisin drove to a wood near
Derby crematorium, and buried
it. Only three small bones from
the left foot were found.
Mr Raisin profited from the killing,
Miss England was sent to draw
Mr Homiak's disability allow-
ance of £5.12. She also went
twice to the bakery where he
had worked and, saying she was
his daughter, was given first
£3.54 and then £18.
Mr Homiak's daughter, Irene,
arrived to spend Christmas with
her father and stayed in the
house. Mr Raisin told her that
her father was with friends.
Mr McCullough added that
Mr Raisin reported Mr Homiak
missing and Miss England
finally found the burden of
what she knew too much. She
went to the police.
Mr Raisin, of Charnwood
Street, Derby, was said to have
told the police, "It happened
in a blind flash. I might have
got the impression he was
coming at me with a knife." He
pleaded not guilty to murder-
ing Mr Homiak. The case con-
tinues today.

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private hearing at Man-
County Court yesterday
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Line would be "safed".
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Mr Swan was in court,
wards Mr Ruslyn Har-
es, Mr Swan's solicitor,
he department applied for
or an order for Mr Swan
ply details of where and
the statements were made.

Minister backs
criticism
of butter tokens

By Our Social Services
Correspondent
Mr O'Malley, Minister of State
for Social Security, said in Lon-
don yesterday that he shared
the "deep resentment" of many
pensioners at the restriction of
butter tokens to the poorest.
That was why the Government
had introduced beef tokens for
all pensioners.
Mr O'Malley was speaking at
a conference convened by Age
Concern to consider the place of
the old in modern society. A
report published by the organi-
zation showed that many pen-
sioners were opposed to butter
tokens and other hand-outs.
Mr O'Malley said he un-
derstood and shared the resent-
ment of pensioners at the way but-
ter tokens had been introduced by
the Conservative Government.
They indicated to everyone in a
grocer's shop that the pensioner
presenting it was on supplu-
mentary benefit.

Court praise for
attacked child

A girl of seven was praised in
court yesterday for great
presence of mind in feigning
unconsciousness when a man
who took her away in his car
squeezed her throat. He pushed
her out and she escaped.
Kenneth Gilmour, aged 25,
of Kennels Road, Annan, Dum-
friesshire, was sentenced at the
High Court in Dumfries to 10
years imprisonment after plead-
ing guilty to abducting the girl
with intent to commit a sexual
offence, indecently assaulting
her, compressing her throat,
throwing her into nettles and
abandoning her, to the danger
of her life.

ill for access to battered babies

John Chartres
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e restriction on personal
s will have to be
ed in the interests of
g the number of battered
ases in Britain, a psychia-
id a conference on the
t in Manchester yester-
Sydney Brandon, reader
ychiatry at Manchester
sity, told an audience that
d doctors, nurses, magis-
-health visitors, and
polic officers that when
was suspicion that a child
ing ill treated health and
officers visiting the
must be able to see the
n persons. "We must be
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rts to obtain legal right-
s," he said.
conference, organized by
rth Western Regional
Authority, was one of a
held throughout Britain
he Maria Colwell case and
a background of an esti-
4,000 to 5,000 children
ed by their parents in
every year, some 400 of
ft with permanent brain

Dr Brandon said that once
suspicion was aroused that a
child had been injured in its
home all the organizations con-
cerned should come together
immediately. Then an individual
must be appointed to coordinate
activities.
He also suggested that a much
greater emphasis should be put
on the welfare of the child
rather than to the future
integrity of the family. There
should be more readiness to
accept the need for permanent
care orders in cases where
repetitions of attacks were likely
if the child was allowed to
return to its parents.
The conflict between social
workers who emphasized the
maintenance of family integrity
and others who felt that the
safety of the child should come
first was a recurring theme in
much of the formal and infor-
mal discussion at the confer-
ence.
Dr Brandon pointed out that
the largest of the five groups
of parents liable to assault their
children were "vulnerable
women under stress" who had
the common characteristic of
deep regret for the injuries they
had inflicted. Many in the group
would use such phrases as
"when I hit him I then pick
him up and cuddle him".
The other four groups of
potential batterers were true
sadists, the smallest group of all,
who obtained relief from their
own tensions by inflicting pain
on others; disorganized families
in which violence pervaded
every aspect of their lives;
those who were liable to explo-
sions of violence, usually pre-
cipitated by the behaviour of
their children; and those with
bysocial traits whose safety
valve, if abnormal, was an act
of violence followed by one of
fleeing from the scene, probably
abandoning their child in a
pram in the street or in a shop.
Dr Frank Bamford, senior lec-
turer in community paediatrics
at Manchester University,
warned all the groups likely to
be involved in child-battering
cases to use extreme caution be-
fore making accusations.
He gave examples of children
whose physical conditions might
suffer from such conditions as
haemophilia causing bruising
symptoms by quite minor im-
pacts, others with fragile bones
and even a very small group
who had a total indifference to
pain.

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surgeries

£2,617,000 lent by the
il Practice Finance Cor-
in to doctors last year
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g practice premises, the
report of the corporation
our Medical Reporter
total of 230 loans to 428
s compares with the
for the previous year of
ans to 440 doctors for
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Law Society looking at
Colonel Brooks case

Facts from the High Court
action for libel brought by
Lieutenant-Colonel John Brooks,
are to be looked at by the Law
Society. Colonel Brooks is a
solicitor.
If the Law Society came to
the conclusion that further
action was necessary, the matter
would go to the professional
purposes committee. The matter
might then go to the disciplin-
ary committee.
So far, the Law Society has
not called for a transcript
Colonel Brooks, aged 64, a
former Mayor of Kensington and
Chelsea, on his libel action on
Monday against the Sunday
People, which published an
article accusing him of setting
a "sex trap" for young girls
and of assaulting Miss Susan
Carr, aged 19, on his boat. The
colonel was awarded £p damages
and each side must pay its own
costs.
A spokesman for the Law
Society said yesterday: "We
are looking at the facts in the
case, as we always do, but what
action will be taken depends
entirely on what conclusion
comes from those facts."
Kensington and Chelsea Coun-
cil said yesterday that Mrs B.
Sundius-Smith, chairman of the
social services committee, is to
seek an early meeting with
Colonel Brooks to discuss his
future as chairman of the visit-
ing subcommittee to two chil-
dren's homes. Girls up to the
age of 16 live at the homes.

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Rail catering
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Inter-City trains on Eastern
Region will be without catering
services today because of a one-
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Cross and Scotland, the North-
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affected.
The strike, which is unoffi-
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Rating accused of
girl's murder

A naval rating will appear
before Sheriff Gordon Shach
at Dunfermline today, charged
with the murder of Miss
Catherine Phillips, of Kirkcaldy,
whose body was found near the
main gate of Rosyth dockyard
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HOME NEWS

Third of all Scottish pupils kept from school as thousands of teachers join strike over pay

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh
Schools in Scotland were closed to about 300,000 pupils yesterday, because of the teachers' strike, which had widened to affect a third of all the schoolchildren in Scotland.

Government has refused to say exactly what the award will be. The Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association called out its 7,000 members on a one-day strike, the first strike in the association's 30 years of existence.

Raymond Thomasson, deputy general secretary, said the institute understood that Lord Houghton would tell Mr Ross the size of the award during the weekend.

Littlejohn alert after call to lawyer

By Michael Horsnell
Detectives intensified their hunt for Kenneth Littlejohn after a man claiming to be the fugitive bank robber and self-styled spy telephoned a lawyer in Devon yesterday.



The overflowing Thames, photographed between Sonning and Reading yesterday.

Conviction in Dugdale case prompts harangue

Bridget Dugdale, had taken from the dock at D Special Criminal court yesterday after being found guilty of charges connected with hijacking of a helicopter.

Fears for in-service training plans

By Our Education Correspondent
Fears that the Government will abandon plans for in-service teacher training and special courses for new teachers were expressed last night by Mr Max Morris, immediate past president of the National Union of Teachers.

The report by Lord James of Rusdell into teacher-training recommended in-service courses for teachers and a special induction course for teachers in their probationary year.

It has asked for further details on the projections from the Government and will give its advice on their implications at a special meeting on January 22.

A warrant for his arrest was issued by Bedfordshire police in March. Det Chief Supt John Grant, who was granted a search warrant for the arrest, was alerted by The Times yesterday.

Rulings today on law in 'Last Tango' case

Mr Justice Kenneth Jones will give his rulings on the law in the Last Tango in Paris obscenity trial today when the case resumes at the Central Criminal Court.

Judge warns jury not to be swayed by violence

At Durham Crown Court yesterday Mr Justice Caulfield told a jury trying three men accused of murdering an army camp commandant that society faced integration if the nation ever retreated from the rule of law.

He told me: "It could only have been Kenneth Littlejohn who knew the things he was talking about. They were personal to the divorce. He seemed calm and collected as always."

Call for help from troops to save waterlogged sugar beet crop

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent
An appeal for help from troops to save the British sugar crop came yesterday as the food industry said government policy might lead to a shortage of sugar-based groceries.

Chairman wins Liberal ballot

Mr Kenneth Vaus, chairman of the Liberal Party, was last night declared winner in the annual ballot for eight party council seats on the Liberal national executive committee.

Another bishop refuses rise

The Bishop of London, the Right Rev G. A. Ellison, has asked the Church Commissioners to pay a £475 increase on his £6,528 a year stipend into the fund from which his parish clergy are paid, because of the general economic situation.

Bureau will help disabled to study

A national bureau for handicapped students has been formed in London at a meeting of disabled people, teachers and government agencies.

Sherwood Forest plan

A plan to preserve Sherwood Forest by planting thousands of oak is to be launched today in Nottinghamshire County.

Inquiry doctor attacked

Dr Robert Allen, aged 60, who was a witness at an inquiry into the death of a child, was attacked yesterday after giving evidence at the inquiry.

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WEST EUROPE French told they have power to overcome their economic crisis

Charles Hargrove
Nov 26

President Giscard d'Estaing, in a broadcast tonight, said that he had the power to overcome the economic difficulties of France. He said that the crisis was not "a period of depression or a great depression" but one could fear a massive "inflation" in production.

At the end of the effort to overcome the present problems, he said, would be a resumption of economic development of France. He said the people regularly meet in order to explain Government's policies, a practice he had inaugurated in this year as Finance Minister.

The broadcast was essentially an analysis of the economic and social situation. "The difficulties", he said, "are part of a world problem" and not a French one. France's loss for 1974 of 35,000m (£3,181m) through the oil price was something one has the power to cancel out, he said. It takes place outside the country.

He said that he must spread out as far as possible among the French. He said that in this year these external factors were the "weaknesses" of the French economy, which did not react vigorously as others.

He said that for 1975 was a year of development of production. The Government had the power to do so, because it had

Both Mafia and Fascists suspected of seizing increasing number of people for ransom

Italians buy arms for fear of kidnapers

From Patricia Clough
Rome, Nov 26

The present wave of kidnappings in Italy—at one point last week 10 people were being held simultaneously for ransom—has created as much alarm and as many problems as the earlier bomb attacks.

Kidnapping has become in the past two years a huge industry which, according to one calculation, has brought in some 30,000m lire (about £20m).

The sense of alarm and insecurity which the kidnappings have created is not limited to millionaires. After the seizure of the owner of a car showroom and the daughter, aged 11, of a jewellery salesman, even the moderately well-off are beginning to fear for themselves and for their children.

Some people are reported to be buying pistols and seeking permission to carry arms. Others are hiring bodyguards, or seeking insurance.

The kidnappings pose many unanswered questions. Why is this particular form of crime flourishing in Italy? Is it sheer chance that the latest spate of kidnappings coincided with one of the longest and most difficult government crises since the war? Are the cases correlated or part of an organized plan? Is this sense of insecurity just what the kidnapers want? Or is it a sign that some, at least, of the kidnappers are yet another fascist plot to undermine confidence in the state and create a demand for a strong "law and order" government.

The sudden rush of kidnappings immediately after new laws increasing the penalty for kidnapers came into force last month, seems like a deliberate defiance of the state.

Although in the past both right-wing and left-wing extremist groups were believed to organize kidnappings to finance their other activities, there is as yet no evidence that any have been planned for terrorist reasons.

Signor Taviani, who was then Minister of the Interior, did not appear to exclude this possibility when he declared, last week that the kidnappings were "an attack on the democratic institutions of our country" and appealed for confidence in the police.

Others blame many of the kidnappings on the Mafia. Only professional criminals, they say, could carry them off with such precision, having studied minutely the financial situation and daily lives of their victims, leaving no clue to their own identity, getting the ransom paid smoothly into a numbered Swiss bank account.

Less efficient kidnapers, such as the ones who demanded a huge ransom in 10,000 lire notes, forgetting that it would need a lorry to carry them, or the flustered handies who bungled the capture of the children of Signor Giacomo Manzù, the sculptor, are thought to be amateurs.

Mafia gangs have extorted huge ransoms particularly in northern Italy in the past and investigations have led to the arrest of Signor Luciano Liggin, an alleged Mafia leader.

Still others feel that the kidnapping industry is flourishing simply because it is now possible to extract vast sums of money at very small risk.

Figures presented recently by Dr Eufio Zanda Loy, the national police chief, show that out of 290 people arrested or charged, in connexion with kidnappings in the past four years, few have yet come before a court. Some have actually been set free again.

Our Milan Correspondent writes: While a Padua court began the first kidnapping trial using the new procedures, under which suffer penalties up to 25 years' jail—and a speedier hearing are promised, the offence showed little sign of abating.

In the neighbouring town of Verona, Signorina Maria Mellini, aged 20, the daughter of a wealthy insurance executive was kidnapped yesterday. When she failed to return after visiting a friend last night her family reported her disappearance to the police.

Later her car was found on the road and her captors in a telephone call to the family asked for a 400m lire (£260,000) ransom. According to unconfirmed reports the ransom was paid today.

UN staff plan first pay protest strike

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Nov 26

Most of the 7,000 international civil servants employed by the United Nations and its specialized agencies here are expected to be on strike on Friday morning in support of demands for higher pay—particularly for pensioners, hardest hit of all by inflation and currency depreciation.

This half-day strike, described as the first such action in United Nations labour history, is regarded by its organizers as merely symbolic, an earnest of what may be to come.

Pickets positioned round main buildings have been instructed to use verbal dissuasion only. Staff at United Nations offices elsewhere in Europe, possibly also in New York, are expected to join in.

United Nations employees are in "professional" and "general services" categories. The former are seeking a 12 per cent rise and the others an immediate review of earnings, which should take place each four years.

While salaries are increased on an index system, the cost of living adjustment, now representing as much as 40 per cent of total remuneration in some cases, is not pensionable. In addition, pensions are paid in dollars, irrespective of whether individual contributions were originally in Swiss francs.

With the drop in value of the dollar, pensioners have been worst affected: a 40 per cent reduction in purchasing power since 1971 for some 1,200 living in the Geneva area.

Of some 40,000 "internationalists" worldwide, only about a fifth work in New York.

The United Nations staff organizations are pressing for acceptance of their proposals by the General Assembly—where some delegates are resisting. "We are tired of delays, tired of inaction and inertia", their statement says, "tired of being rebuffed by misstatements and specious arguments".

Mr Edward Thompson (ILO), president of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations, spoke about "quite tragic hardship cases" of former ILO secretaries trying to live in Geneva on totally inadequate pensions, with the serving staff obliged to make charitable contributions.

With the United Nations financial shortfall at the end of this year expected already to be about £26m, the staff demands would add a further £2,600,000 to annual costs.

Irrespective of the overall economic situation, expansion programmes, conceived apparently for the United Nations bodies as they might be at the end of the century, have been going ahead steadily here.

A £22m 11-storey structure for the ILO has just been completed. Down the road from it a new edifice is arising for the swelling "Ompi/Wipo" (World Intellectual Property Organization).

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President's methods of work are criticized

From Our Own Correspondent
Nov 26

A distinct slump in the popularity of President Giscard d'Estaing and his Government shown by the latest public opinion poll in *Le Figaro* yesterday and there is increasing criticism of his statesmanship and methods of work.

In some weeks past *Le Figaro*, the satirical weekly, has been suggesting that the head of state is not too keen on hard work. Today the authoritative voice of *Le Monde* echoes these suggestions and analyses the personal method of government critically and in detail.

It refers to the talk common in political lobbies and Paris salons the apparent "absence" of Giscard d'Estaing from the political scene—and notes that some criticism was levelled against M Pompidou in his time.

M Giscard d'Estaing, it says, regards the presidency as a job to be done as a mission, and wishes to continue to lead his private life as he pleases, which explains his disappearances at weekends and the fact that his personal staff seldom know where he is.

The newspaper refers primarily to "several incidents", including a collision between a car driven by the President and a milk lorry at an early hour in the morning. *Le Canard Enchaîné*, less cautiously, has made play of the President's private life.

According to *Le Monde*, the President dislikes "thick files and prolonged audiences", and prefers personal conversations, ten on the telephone, or im-

Abortion Bill is resented by French MPs

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 26

Mme Simone Veil, the Minister of Health, today told the National Assembly that France could no longer "continue to close its eyes" to 300,000 women undergoing abortions every year outside the law.

She was introducing the Government Bill to liberalize abortion laws. It proposes to legalize abortion with medical approval, in the first 11 weeks of pregnancy. The operation would not be covered by the national health insurance. But women generally unable to would benefit from social assistance.

More than 70 amendments have been put down and 40 votes, most of them from the government ranks, are due to be cast during a three-day debate. The Government has made the issue a free vote of conscience.

Prisoners strike in Danish day of protest

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, Nov 26

Thousands of strikers and unemployed union members called for the resignation of the Danish minority Liberal Government today in a mass demonstration staged by trade union leaders.

Sympathy strikes were staged in Danish prisons and two special trains carried unemployed building workers from Jutland to Copenhagen.

The demonstration and strikes have added tension to a sensitive political situation which is widely expected to precipitate a parliamentary defeat for the Government in mid-December and a January election. Government newspapers today predicted the election would come on January 14 if Mr Poul Hartling, the Prime Minister, cannot get support for an economic package.

Strike on French television spreads to provinces

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 26

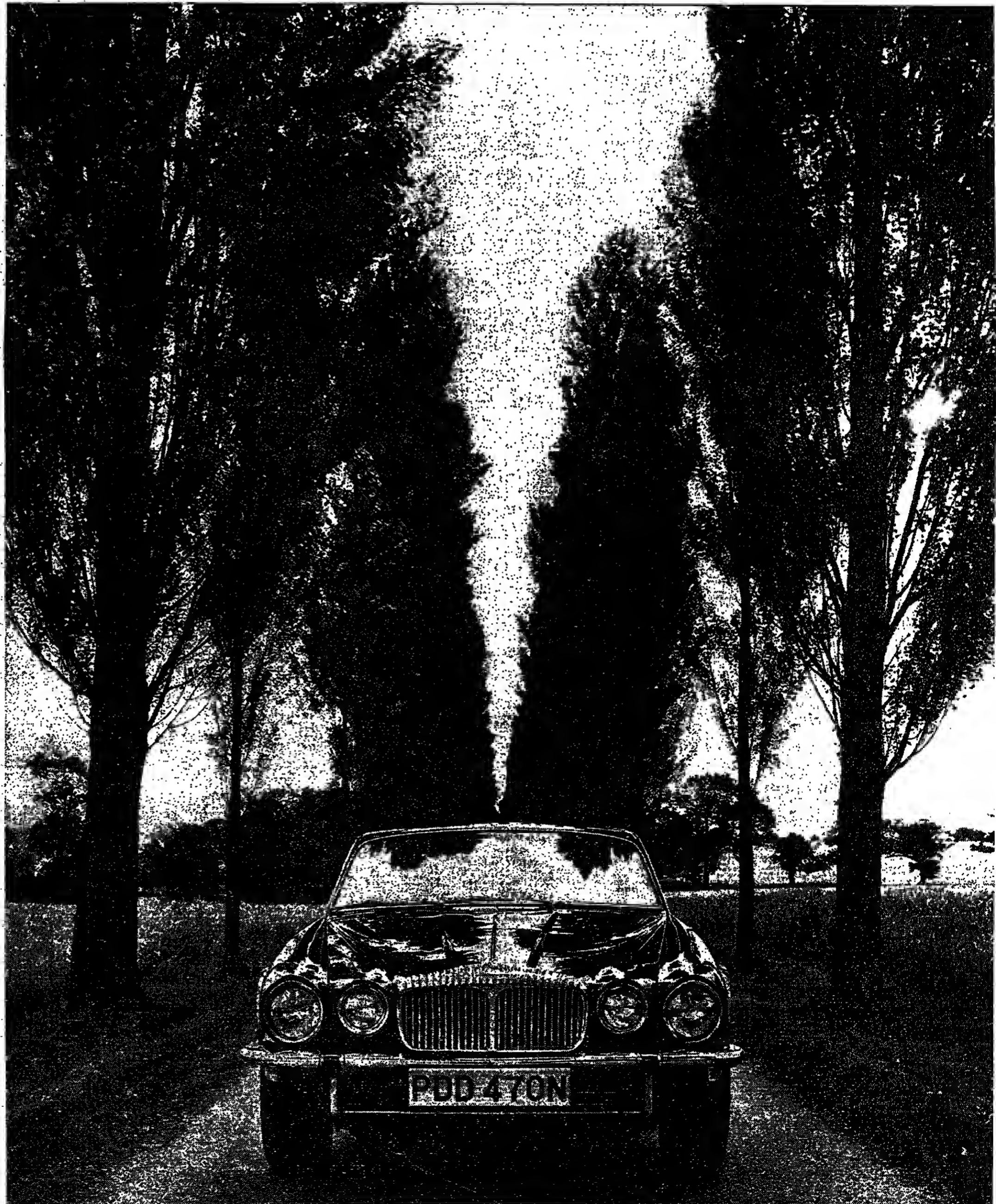
Striking journalists and technicians today occupied the news studios and managerial offices of the French second television channel in protest at the plan to dismiss 260 of the 1,080 journalists employed full-time on the broadcasting service (ORTF).

The news programme was stopped, adding to the disruption of radio and television programmes in the past 24 hours.

Police were called in to clear the offices about an hour later, as shouts by the demonstrators "We belong here, not you".

The strike, which began in Paris yesterday, spread without warning today to regional stations. In Marseilles, for instance, journalists announced that they would provide no services until further notice. They claimed in a statement that in the regions two hundred delegates out of every three had been included in these earnings claims for dismissal.

Their claim was underlined by the executive board of the national journalists' union, which declared: "The Govern-



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OVERSEAS

Chinese hint that US should withdraw recognition of Taiwan

From David Bonavia
Peking, Nov 26

Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, a Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, today dropped a broad hint that it was time the United States withdrew its recognition of the Taiwan regime.

In the presence of American journalists, Mr Teng told Dr Kissinger, the visiting Secretary of State, that it would be a good thing if the talks they were having could be held in Washington as well as Peking. Although Dr Kissinger tried to pass the remark off lightly, it was clear that Mr Teng was referring to the fact that members of the Chinese leadership had refused to visit Washington as long as the Taiwan authorities have an embassy there.

Dr Kissinger, who arrived here yesterday evening for a four-day visit, is reliably understood to expect no substantial progress on the Taiwan question for the time being. However, there is a possibility that the question of American assets frozen in China since 1949 might be solved in principle if the Chinese side were prepared to take a political decision on it. Although mainly technical in nature, the assets problem is still one of the stumbling blocks to a further improvement in Sino-American relations.

The American Secretary of State is apparently so pleased with the agreement on arms control which he and President Ford achieved with Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, during their

recent meeting near Vladivostok that he does not feel obliged to bring home any extra political coup from his visit to China.

Indeed, the Soviet agreement to such control is seen partly as a way of rewarding the Americans for agreeing to come to Vladivostok at all, although they asked offending the Chinese leaders by meeting the Russians so close to the Chinese border.

The agreement on a ceiling for deployment of nuclear missiles will be represented by the Ford Administration as a most valuable breakthrough in the talks.

The implications of the agreement are so highly complex that Dr Kissinger may spend a good deal of his time here explaining them to the Chinese leaders, who are unlikely to be impressed by the prospects of a lasting peace or a long term slowing down of the arms race.

Dr Kissinger this morning toured the former imperial palace, together with his wife and his two children by a former marriage, before meeting Mr Teng.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: A claim that Mr Nixon, while on his visit to China in 1972, restrained Dr Kissinger at the last moment from conceding to his hosts that the United States unreservedly recognized Taiwan as a province of China is reported in the present issue of *The New York Times*.

Continuing disagreement over this thorniest of issues is likely to complicate Dr Kissinger's attempt to arrange a summit meeting between Chairman Mao



Dr Kissinger and Mr Teng Hsiao-ping using chopsticks at a banquet in Peking on Monday night.

Tse-nung and President Ford, the magazine suggests.

The disagreement among the American party about Taiwan is understood to have been reported only in secret session to congressional committees by Mr William Rogers, then Secretary of State.

It throws a fascinating light on the bargaining over the so-called Shanghai communiqué which was the culmination of Mr Nixon's apparently triumphal visit.

Mr Nixon, and apparently Mr Rogers, objected in Shanghai to granting the concession unless the communist leaders

promised to renounce force in the attempts to regain Taiwan.

Dr Kissinger was sent back and the bargaining continued until the last morning, with the Chinese refusing to accept any limitation on what they insisted was internal policy.

Hence the formula that emerged, with both sides declaring their own positions. At the time the American position was widely reported as a concession.

The United States, it declared, does not challenge... that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is part of China. But it called

for a peaceful settlement while the Chinese insisted that "liberation" was their affair.

New Republic asserts that the United States should "cut off the tail" of the Shanghai communiqué, and emulate the Japanese in reducing their presence on Taiwan to a token.

The United States—even less under Mr Ford than Mr Nixon—is most unlikely to abrogate its defence treaty with the Chinese nationalists. That would offend both the Republican right wing and the liberal Democrats who champion Taiwanese self-determination.

Poll call after Tanaka resignation rejected

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Nov 26

Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, the son of a poor farmer who became a self-made multimillionaire, announced today that he has decided to resign as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party as a result of scandals surrounding his private business interests.

As a result, Mr Tanaka, who is 56, will automatically step down as Prime Minister as soon as the party elects his successor, probably before December 11 when an extraordinary session of the Diet (Parliament) convenes.



Dejection: Mr Tanaka leaves his official residence after resigning.

As the ruling party announced Mr Tanaka's formal decision today, Japan's political opposition and the powerful left-wing Sohyo (General Council of Trade Unions) called for a general election. However, it became abundantly clear that the ruling party, badly hurt by its inability to control inflation and subsequent charges that Mr Tanaka has evaded taxes and used his position to enhance his personal fortune, has no intention of dissolving the Diet and calling elections.

Mr Tanaka, who succeeded Mr Eisaku Sato, has held office for two years and four months as the first Prime Minister to achieve office without a university education since the Second World War.

While none of the charges against him has been verified, Mr Tanaka issued a short statement today declaring that he feels morally responsible for the "political confusion" caused by his personal problems. The Prime Minister, who reportedly has had trouble sleeping since the scandal erupted last month, said he felt it was a matter of shame that a misunderstanding should exist among the people "for even one moment."

The statement was handed this morning to four senior party executives, Mr Etsusaburo Shiina, vice-president, Mr Susumu Nakaido, secretary general, Mr Zenko Suzuki, chairman of the executive council, and Mr Sadaoaki Yamanaka, chairman of the policy research council, when they called on Mr Tanaka at his official residence.

Mr Tanaka, who asked the party to select a successor as soon as possible, will stay on as a caretaker prime minister. The present cabinet will resign as soon as the party elects a new leader.

Mr Tanaka was first elected leader of the party and subsequently prime minister of Japan in July 1972 when his jovial down-to-earth approach and his ability to take quick action to solve problems.

His image was given a further boost in September, the same year, when he visited Peking to normalize relations with China. But from then on disenchantment began to set in. In the first place his plans to remodel the Japanese archipelago, published in the form of a book by the Prime Minister, took the price of land beyond the means of the ordinary wage-earner.

In addition, as a result of

Washington critics of Ford missile agreement

From Fred Emery
Washington, Nov 26

Some scepticism over the United States-Soviet missile understanding voiced here today as it became clear that the "ceiling" limiting strategic arsenals would allow both sides to have more than they possess present.

President Ford, briefing congressional leaders confidentially today, asked them not to rely too heavily on the agreement with Mr Brezhnev in the Vladivostok talks. But Senator Stouffer, a Republican, emerged to agree that new totals were "not quite much" when the 2,500 figure reported in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* were put to him.

Neither side at present so many launchers in the of bombers and land and marine launched rockets, the agreement does not limit the Russians at least building as many launchers as they were allowed under the so-called Salt I agreement. The "ceiling" which Dr Kissinger had been on, as has with the position in the is a better image than

Senator Thurmond said thought the Senate would ratify the agreement if it turned the way the President does it. However, the conservative critic, Senator Henry Jackson, the Democratic, provides a counterpoint, saying he would like to see the agreement first signed by the President. Mr Ford then said he is not supposed to be in a position to sign the agreement. He said he is not supposed to be in a position to sign the agreement. He said he is not supposed to be in a position to sign the agreement.

He raised the question: "What had been done to limit the number of deliverable heads? He noted that the agreement was subject to limitation. He wanted to know more about "verification".

Senator Thurmond had pointed out there would be on-site inspection. It is unclear how many warheads would be carried in the missile. But the senator said Mr Ford's confidence that present means of detection are adequate.

Experts suggest that the head variation can be detected from rocket configuration, silo characteristics—all of which are detectable through photography and electronic monitoring.

Senator Jackson's scepticism was not shared by the oppositional leaders.

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Portuguese islands granted independence

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Nov 26

Two steps forward in Portugal's decolonization programme were announced today. One was the signing of an agreement on the independence of the islands of São Tomé and Príncipe, the other the signing of a pact between Angola's opposing freedom groups, FNIA and Unita.

The granting of independence to the island territories on July 12, 1975, was agreed after talks in Algiers between Dr Almeida Santos, Portugal's Overseas Minister, and Mr Miguel Tróvãoes the head of the São Tomé freedom organization.

The agreement was signed in the presence of President Boudiennne of Algeria and members of his Government in Algiers. Representatives of the Angola and Mozambique freedom movements, FNIA and Unita, also were present.

Among the provisions in the agreement are effective independence in July, 1975, a local provisional government in the mean time and a Portuguese high commissioner.

King Constantine pledges to defend democracy

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Nov 26

The exiled King Constantine of the Hellenes pledged tonight that he would defend democracy and always obey the will of the people, if the referendum of December 8 restored the monarchy.

He was addressing the nation from Britain in a pre-recorded television broadcast. On Thursday he is to receive a group of Greek journalists in his house in Surrey.

The broadcast marked the opening of the referendum campaign. The voters are to choose between "a democracy with king" on a brow ballot, and a "democracy without king" on a green ballot.

A number of royalist organizations have sprouted throughout Greece, some of them led by former generals who resisted the dictatorship. Prominent lawyers and intellectuals set up committees in favour of a republic.

The King's broadcast referred to the errors committed in the past weakening the country's democratic way of life. "Such errors must be avoided in future. Let us be

US generals spared from some awkward questions

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Nov 26

The Senate armed services committee has saved two of America's top generals from embarrassing questions—for the time being.

An attempt to call General George Brown, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, to explain his caustic remarks about the Israeli lobby here was defeated by a vote of 11-4. And a call to summon General Alexander Haig, Mr Nixon's controversial chief of staff, to testify on his fitness to be Supreme Allied Commander Europe, was put off until January—after he has assumed the Nato post.

Neither action means the generals are in the clear, but they have escaped until the next Congress.

"The Brown batter," according to Senator John Stegall, committee chairman, had been "disposed of". He noted that General Brown had apologized, and had been personally reprimanded by the President.

However, Senator Thomas McIntyre, with powerful support from liberal Democrats on the Senate floor, promises to have

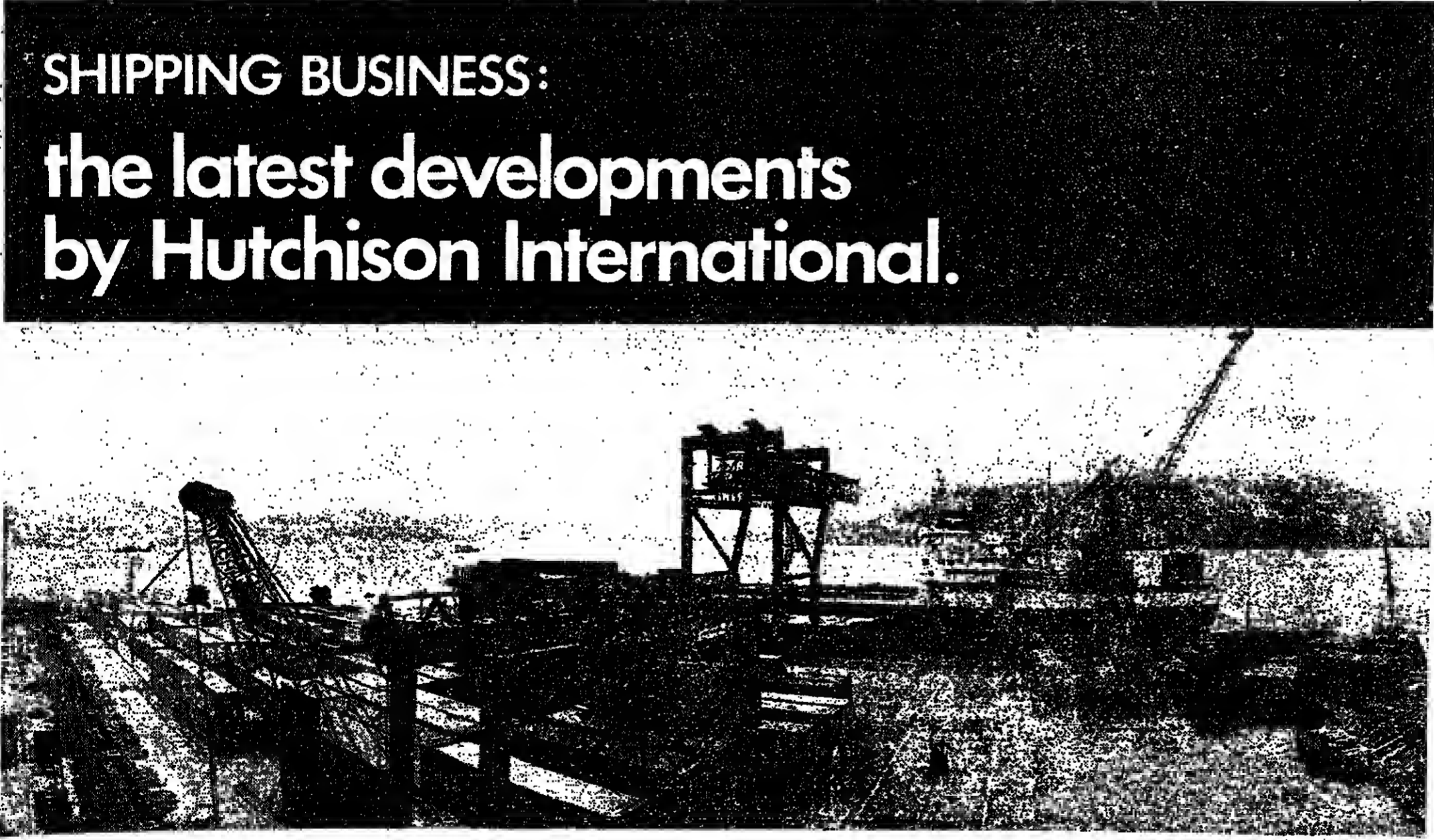
General Brown called to explain how he can still effectively lead the armed forces.

General Brown, an Air Force general, has not exactly helped matters by yanking lawfully in his first public speech at Sacramento.

At issue was his statement at Duke University over a month ago that the Jewish lobby was "so strong you wouldn't believe". He added that Jews "own the banks in this country, the newspapers". In fact, nothing could be further from the truth than this last statement—and there was a howl around the country, not only from Jews.

Yesterday, to great laughter at a business lunch, the general said he had now learned "a great deal about the corporate structure of banks and newspapers", and how ignorant he had been before his Duke University remarks.

He noted that he had received letters of support from Jewish leaders around the country and said he was "both awed and appalled by the divisiveness this incident has caused".



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Crown Prince of Ethiopia denounces mass killings

By Nicholas Ashford

The mass execution of former government ministers, officials and military officers by the Ethiopian military regime last weekend was strongly condemned yesterday by the Crown Prince of Ethiopia, Merid Azmatch Asfa Wossen, son of the deposed Emperor Haile Selassie.

In a statement broadcast in Amharic and beamed to Ethiopia, the Crown Prince said he was "horried and deeply grieved by the recent summary execution and massacre of Ethiopian officials and members of the armed forces". He condemned what he described as a massacre without trial.

The Crown Prince, who is staying in London, said "The establishment of the commission of inquiry and the Military Tribunal to dispense justice and provide a fair trial has been bypassed in a mockery of justice. This is an affront to all Ethiopians, young and old, who are struggling to create a just system in our country."

He appealed to all Ethiopians and to friends of Ethiopia throughout the world to use their influence to uphold the legitimate human rights of every individual in defending himself in a fair trial. He said the wrongs of the past should be corrected but not used as grounds for "unproductive vengeance".

Our Political Staff writes: Backbenchers of all parties signed a motion tabled in Commons calling on the military government in Ethiopia to restrain, justice and mercy. The motion reads: "The House views with deep concern the mass execution of Ethiopian officials and military officers. It is a tragedy that many of the officers are held in detention on specified charges, regrets the probable desire of the Ethiopian people for police charge and social justice should have been accompanied by uncharacteristic brutality. It urges HM Government, in company with other Governments known to be concerned, to press the Ethiopian people to press upon the military provisional government the need for restraint, justice and mercy."

Among the principal signatories are Sir Bernard Bragg, Mr David Sichel, Sir Geoffrey Fretwell, Mr Nicholas Winter, Mr Winston Churchill, Mr C Townsend, and Mr Roy Lewis.

Addis Ababa, Nov 26.—A party units across Ethiopia ordered to stay in their ranks. The foreign sources reported today.

The military government, one of its roughest statements far, said it would not opponents as criminals. It said the execution of 60 former officials without trial should be an Ethiopian lesson.

U Thant to lie in state at UN headquarters

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Nov 26

The body of U Thant, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, is to lie in state at United Nations headquarters from tomorrow with an honour guard of two security officers.

In a brief session yesterday, tributes were paid to U Thant by Dr Kurt Waldheim, who succeeded him as Secretary-General in 1972, and by representatives of the different regional groups at the United Nations—Asia, South-West Asia, Africa, Latin America, East and West Europe, and the Arabs.

In his message, sent from the Middle East, Dr Waldheim said that U Thant had guided the United Nations for 10 years through a period of change and turbulence.

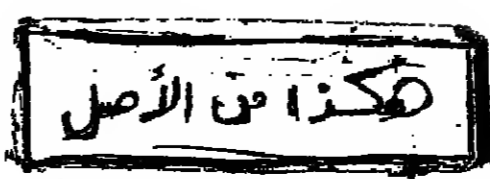
Mr Minic ends his talks in London

By A. M. Rendel

Mr Milos Minic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, leaves London today at the end of his three-day official visit yesterday completed his talks with British ministers.

He met Mr Callaghan, Foreign Secretary, and Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and later with Mr Wilson, with whom he discussed the Middle East, Cyprus and Anglo-Yugoslav relations.

The earlier talks mainly concerned European matters. Mr Callaghan gave his views on development of the European Economic Community, and Mr Minic spoke of Yugoslav relationship with it. Close relations with the Community are clearly of crucial importance to Yugoslavia.



Waldheim... critics... Ford...

Waldheim strives to prevent another Israel-Syria war amid Knesset 'hate UN' session

Official in the entourage of Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, in Peking. Until full details are received from Dr Waldheim, satisfaction in Jerusalem is tempered with caution. There has been no hint so far of what conditions, if any, Syria is seeking to attach to its acquiescence in the proposed settlement.

Police are on guard against demonstrations during this visit, either Israeli or Arab, eager to demonstrate their solidarity with the PLO to the Secretary-General. A petition to Dr Waldheim is circulating in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, protesting against alleged police brutality in checking last week's student demonstrations. It points out that two girls were killed, one in Jenin and one in Nablus, and many other injured.

The town council of Krugersdorp in South Africa's Transvaal province has become the first National Party-oriented municipal body to take steps to abandon "offensive" apartheid regulations. Several other municipal councils have taken similar steps but they have been dominated by the parliamentary opposition United Party.

Apartheid's 'ugly face' opposed by nationalists

From Michael Knipe, Cape Town, Nov 26. The town council of Krugersdorp in South Africa's Transvaal province has become the first National Party-oriented municipal body to take steps to abandon "offensive" apartheid regulations. Several other municipal councils have taken similar steps but they have been dominated by the parliamentary opposition United Party.

Combining a career of achievement with one as a wife

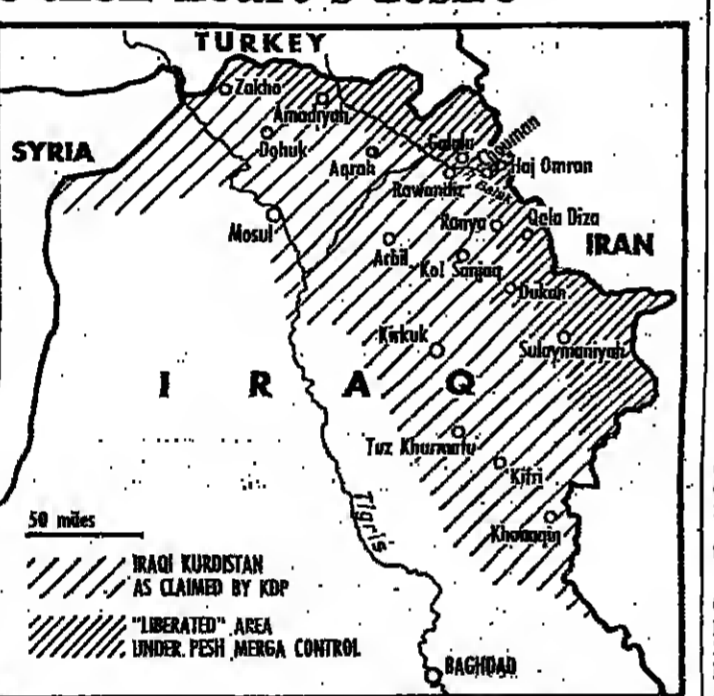
Wives of VIPs tend to bask in, or endure, reflected limelight; some defiantly try to prove they are someone special, too, and a lucky few effortlessly combine being consorts with being achievers in their own right. Lady Medawar, wife of Nobel Prize winner Sir Peter Medawar, CH, FRS, belongs to the latter group.

Lady Medawar—her husband won the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1960 and was knighted in 1965—doesn't now find, and never has found, it difficult to combine her social duties—entertaining, attending functions, etc.—with her work, which though voluntary, has always been pretty time and thought consuming. For the past 15 years she has also been joint editor of Family Planning, the FPA magazine, and she has been joint author of a book on family planning.

She started work outside the home when her youngest child was eight. "I don't say that it's right to be home while the children are young—it happened to be right for me," partly because her husband had less time for the family than "normal" fathers. She says she never felt "consciously jealous of his fame and brains or hard done by because he was away a lot, or working."

Bel forces in Iraq may dream of independence: are more than ready to settle for home rule Kurds renounce their heart's desire

Edward Mortimer. "Liberated area" of Kurdistan is a strip of territory stretching along the northern and eastern frontiers of Iraq for some 500 miles, from the north to the south.



to it, both of which will separate from the party. The organization of elections in Kurdistan will be no easy matter. Communications between different parts of the "liberated area" are tenuous, most of the main roads being in Government hands. Moreover, out of an estimated population of one million, between 600,000 and 750,000 are believed to be displaced persons. Well over 100,000 have crossed the frontier into Iran.

In brief

Zaire amnesty announced

Kinshasa, Nov 26.—President Mobutu last night announced an amnesty for all Zairese political prisoners and all political exiles, including the estimated 4,000 Katangese gendarmes in Angola.

Ceausescu refusal

Bucharest, Nov 26.—President Ceausescu has rejected a proposal at the eleventh party congress here to confirm him in the post of party secretary for life.

TV award winners

New York, Nov 26.—Yorkshire Television has won an international Emmy award for the play Mr Axelrod's Angel and another award goes to London Weekend Television for Aquarius, Hello Dali.

Bridge fall kills 142

Katmandu, Nov 26.—The Nepal Foreign Ministry said today that 142 people were feared to have drowned last week when a suspension bridge collapsed on the Indian-Nepal border.

Tower plans rejected

Rome, Nov 26.—The special commission of the Ministry of Public Works studying projects to secure the leaning tower of Pisa has rejected all 14 proposals to have the tower stabilized by a government appeal.

Water, power crisis

Rawalpindi, Nov 26.—Pakistan is threatened with a serious water and energy crisis which may drastically affect industry and agriculture. The persistent low rainfall over catchment areas has caused a virtual drought in the all-producing provinces of Punjab and Sindh.

India-Pakistan talks

Delhi, Nov 26.—India and Pakistan opened talks in Delhi today on a resumption of trade, which has been non-existent since the 1965 war over Kashmir. The discussions come after an inconclusive meeting between senior officials in Islamabad earlier this month aimed at resuming air links and overflights.

Public transport aid

Washington, Nov 26.—President Ford today signed a Bill granting \$11,900m (£5,130m) in federal subsidies to local bus and train services over the next five years. He said it would help to reduce America's excessive consumption of petrol and curb pollution and congestion in cities.

Hamburg police raid

Hamburg, Nov 26.—Police today arrested a Hamburg lawyer, Herr Wolf Dieter Reibard, and eight other people during a swoop on suspected members and sympathizers of militant anarchist groups. There have been reports of threats to kidnap prominent political figures.

Compassionate return

Bangkok, Nov 26.—Mr Thanom Kittikachorn, the former Thai Prime Minister, exiled to the United States in a coup 13 months ago, will be allowed to return to Thailand for 15 days to visit his sick father.

When the Duke of Edinburgh opened the Centre on November 27, 1969, he finally made birth control an approved establishment cause, and made it much easier for the MPC to attract the donations it still needed. That he did come as an example of the kind of work at which Lady Medawar excels, and which she herself says is her main contribution to the teamwork which made the MPC the success it is. She has said: "I don't have brilliant ideas, but I can use, and put across, other people's."



Ruth Miller

How hospitals should alter their attitude to childbirth

The feelings experienced by a woman on learning that she is pregnant for the first time will obviously depend on whether the pregnancy was planned or unwanted. Even in a planned and much-wanted pregnancy feelings of delight will be mixed with surprise and even shock.

at ease. The attitude should be one of surprise if a girl is not accompanied by a man rather than the reverse. Antenatal classes explaining the physiological changes of pregnancy and what happens in labour should be for husbands as well as wives. This is the time when husbands as well as wives are told their role in labour. Most husbands now want to be with their wives throughout labour but they must be trained for this experience.

alongside their mothers' beds. No restriction will be placed on picking up the baby who can be put to the breast whenever he cries and whenever his mother feels like it. It will also not be regarded as abnormal if a mother chooses to keep her baby to bed with her. The only possible risk of such a situation is if the baby rolls off a high bed when a mother falls asleep. It is no longer believed there is a risk of "overlying" a healthy baby.

wo-heart man covering om a stroke

ape Town, Nov 26.—Mr Taylor, Dr Christian's latest heart transplant patient, suffering from a minor stroke, but the two in his chest are functioning well and surgeons are optimistic, a bulletin from the Secuur hospital said.

Motion of no confidence in Mr Whitlam defeated

From Our Correspondent, Melbourne, Nov 26. Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, walked out of the House of Representatives at Canberra today when Mr Sneed, the leader of the Opposition, moved a motion of no confidence in the Government because of its handling of the economy. It was defeated by 63 votes to 58.

confidence in the economy because of the Government's mismanagement; and the Government's insistence on seeking scapegoats instead of solutions. Mr Douglas Anthony, leader of the Country Party, said Mr Whitlam had displayed ineptitude and bungling by putting the Government, Parliament and the nation in a ridiculous position. In reply, Dr Cairns said Mr Sneed's speech had been full of wild exaggerations, allegations and recollections. Most of what he and Mr Anthony alleged was based on newspaper reports, which were false, and "leaks which were phoney".

Appointments Vacant also on page 29

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University of Oxford BRASENOSE COLLEGE PLATNAUER JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP - The College proposes to elect a Platanauer Junior Research Fellowship with effect from 1 October 1975. The Fellowship is open to graduates of any university who wish to undertake a postgraduate course...

University of St. Andrews Department of Geology BURMAH RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP - Applications are invited for a Burmah Research Fellowship supported by the Burmah Oil Company. The Fellowship is open to graduates of any university who wish to undertake a postgraduate course...

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THE ARTS

A new view from Dillinger's fatal fauteuil



Photographer plying for hire

The Chicago International Film Festival is now possibly the most important of the five annual American festivals... It was founded in 1964 by the late Chicago Mayor Daley...

Photography has a curious background. Originally conceived and completed as a short, two years ago it was extended to feature length. It is a singular blend of fact and fiction. The fictional frame work imagines two itinerant photographers travelling around rural Hungary...

"Beauty" contest mounted in a transvestite club brings to the surface frontier jealousies and fear. A world and a milieu are brought to life. The award for the best first-features film went to a Chicago discovery, John Howe's Why Rock the Boat...

Destructive ecstasy

people at the same time. His nature is at war with his upbringing. Physically and temperamentally equipped to be a fighter, he is inwardly nauseated by the spectre of authority and the readiness with which it is obeyed. In terms of action this infects him with the death wish and at each phase of his progress, exposing himself as a target on the battlefield, and finally leading to a private soldier to heat him up to rise to a climax of self-destructive ecstasy.

Cleaver Soldiers

Someone told me about the Piccadilly bombing on the way in; on the way out, it was smoke and fire engine sirens. I was told that another hit had already been screened commercially in London. The bronze prize-winner, Carlos Saura's La Prima Angelica, can be seen in the London Film Festival on November 30 and December 1.

Caractacus Festival Hall

Elgar wrote his cantata Caractacus for the Leeds Festival of 1898, immediately before embarking on the Enigma Variations. He was already well known for his choral works and in this one he was particularly inspired by the setting of Caradoc's last defiance against the Roman army...

BBC SO/Boulez Round House

Despite the background noises of British Rail manoeuvres, the BBC SO continues to use the Round House for its concerts of twentieth-century music. The new season, which began on Monday evening, follows the pattern established with some success last year: each includes the first performance of a new piece, a revival of a recent composition, and an established masterpiece.

The Selling of Las Vegas

This documentary about the gambling city began as you guessed it would—in a blaze of neon signs. It was as if you were being belaboured with some gigantic, multi-coloured blanchange. But as you struggled to get your bearings in the glare and the juke-box din, there came a voice so distinctive it might itself have been picked out in lights.

Stallerhof no go

The Bush Theatre production of Kroezer's Stallerhof which was praised by Irving Wardle in August, was invited to tour around German theatres. At the eleventh hour the Goethe Institute decided not to support it, and so the theatre either has to find £1,000 or cancel the tour.

Leonard Buckley

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SPORT

Cricket

On this pitch England could conceivably play four fast bowlers

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Brisbane, Nov 26
While the MCC party went down the sunshine coast today, for a one-day match at Southport, some die-hard members were being taken here at the Woolloongabba ground to produce something that will pass as a Test pitch on Friday.

At the Church of England Grammar School, where the England Test will be played for the next two days, the wicket is every one's idea of what an Australian pitch should be. Each one looks like a different beast. Anything is underprepared as what we seem sure to be presented with on the Gabba on Friday can be expected to lead to another match in which the bowlers of the home side introduces too large an element of luck. I hope I am wrong, and that the bowlers who produce the best pitch of the series is right.

With Lloyd ruled out by injury his chipped thumb is coming on well. The idea of having Lloyd on England on Friday chose themselves. About the bowlers there is less certainty. If Underwood plays, which he probably will, and also Greig, who certainly will, there will be room for three fast bowlers. Of the five who are here Arnold can be ruled out, through lack of form, and Lever can be counted in. From Old, Hendrick and Willis one will have to be omitted, unless all three play at the expense of Underwood.

Length being the virtue that it is, and always will be, in Australia, it would go first for Hendrick. In his two first-class matches—against South Australia and Queensland—he has been the most successful bowler. Besides which, he is a surprisingly good close catcher. On a pitch anything like this, the Queenslander match slip catching is going to play an important part. There were no few batsmen who were behind the wicket in the match against Queensland.

Willis's claims are based on his speed. He is no respecter of length, but his fast, well-bounced ball and there are those who would say he is a counter to Thomson and Lillee, should this become a bumping match. Willis is as fast as Willis, except perhaps for Willis's opening couple of overs, and he has as many a bouncer. Willis fields well—he held two marvellous catches in the last test series out here—and he is in the thick of it. This time, though, he has to take either Old or Willis if it would be Willis.

Lever dons beach hat and MCC doff theirs to Greig

Southport, Queensland, Nov 26.—MCC won their third successive match here today when they beat South-East Queensland in a one-day match by 10 wickets after Greig took five wickets for one run in possibly the best performance by an MCC bowler against an Australian country side. Greig took his wickets in 3.5 overs as South-East Queensland were dismissed for 52 runs.

And, MCC's possible Test opening batsman, and Luckhurst rattled off the necessary 53 runs in even time for MCC's win. The South-East Queensland bowlers, who were a 30-run second wicket partnership and their last nine wickets fell for only 16 runs.

Greig's height and loping run for his medium-pace bowling seemed to confuse the batsmen who, when they managed to hit the ball, gave a catch. The match, which ended after only four of the scheduled five hours, was watched by one of the scintillating crowds to see an English side.

Southport is an Australian beach town with a long and wide beach, entered into the carnival spirit by accepting a yellow beach hat from a spectator when he had a 100-yard race.

Timms, in his first match for two weeks, took three wickets and Lever claimed the remaining two for the fourth wicket in 160 minutes, hitting the spinners, Charlesworth and Venkatraghavan, and the medium-fast bowler, Ahid Ali, all to parts of the ground.

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Racing

National hero at mercy of Pendil

By Jim Snow
Northern Racing Correspondent
It is a rare occasion when the owners and trainers of two high class horses on the flat or under National Hunt rules do not shake the issue and let them take each other on. This will be seen today at Haydock Park when Richard Plimmer rides Pendil and Brian Fletcher Red Rum in the Sunday Steeplechase. The three mile race is named after the big chestnut horse who gave Pendil's trainer, Fred Winter, the first of his two Grand National winning rides in 1957.

Neither Pendil nor Red Rum need any introduction. Their performances over the past few seasons have placed them in the select group of Australia's top chasers. In his 19 races over fences Pendil has won 17 times. His two defeats have not in any way dented the greatness of his achievement, and he has won the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1973 by a short head to The Dikler, and in March this year, in that great race, through no fault of his own, he was unseated when High Ken was extremely unlucky in the 20th fence. He was brought down, leaving Captain Christy to go on and beat The Dikler by five lengths.

In his two races this season, Pendil has won at Newbury and Sandown Park. Red Rum has won 21 races since 1968 following a success in a two-year-old selling race in 1967. His courage, stamina and superb jumping have been tested and found not wanting by his triumphs in the past two Grand Nationals. Today's race, in which Arthur Stephenson's Tartan Ace is the only other runner, could provide a wonderful spectacle between Pendil and Red Rum. Both are trained by their owners and trainers are to be congratulated warmly on squaring up to a straight fight. The Haydock Park executive have had the good luck to stage a race which will be discussed and talked about for many years. The crowd should rival those staged in France, although that is a far off dream. It is important for the prize money for pattern races to be altered so that they become much more lucrative through and through, and by that I mean not simply enviable to win, but as far as place money is concerned as well.

It would be nice to see our pattern races converted to the French system, which is now being used in the United States. By this I mean that the winner gets the full advertised value of the race in addition to the entry and the runner-up gets 40 per cent, 20 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, over and over on top of what the winner receives, but not out of the stake. It may be wishful thinking but I am sure that it must and indeed will come one day if our heads are to remain above water. So far as the race is concerned, today's meeting at Ascot takes second place. The spotlight is on Haydock Park and on Pendil and Red Rum in particular. But my colleagues, Jim Snow, has dealt with that in detail. In contrast Ascot's race receives no increase in prize money for 1975—that was allocated across the board and basement level—should have an extra 25,000. This will be welcome especially by those who have bet on the day when our pattern races

will be interesting to see how Handicap Steeplechase, Ascot, Meeting, Even-Swell and Grand National, all appointments. Robert Baron (Ed.).

Welcomed increase for pattern races

By Michael Phillipa
Racing Correspondent
Little Miss ere sweet, so they say. So anything that Sir Desmond Plimmer, the chairman of the Horse Race Betting Levy Board, can chip in these days is more than welcome and none more so than the £155,000 that his Board has decided to give the racing industry already made towards the 1975 prize money scheme. Obviously we are all crying out for more, but in the circumstances the Levy Board is grateful for small mercies.

Sir Desmond said yesterday that his board is conscious of the difficulties facing the racing industry at this time of economic uncertainty, and that they have taken this decision in view of the unprecedented rate of inflation which could not have been foreseen when the original prize money scheme was agreed. By raising the Levy Board's contribution to £155,000 in 1975, they will be increasing the prize money grant by 20 per cent over the 1974 figure. Sir Desmond added that his Board will be considering the 1976 prize money scheme for 1976 fairly soon and that they hope to be able to find money for a significant increase for that year.

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Ludlow programme

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London Express gets up a head of steam

By Michael Seely
Probably the most exhilarating sight in National Hunt racing is to watch a field of experienced two-year-olds galloping towards the finish line. It is given or asked in the quarter which are usually run at a break-neck speed and the bad mistake is usually sufficient to put paid to a horse's chance. We were treated to a fine example of this in the Castledore Handicap Steeplechase, the feature race at Wetherby yesterday afternoon when, in a great battle over the last four fences, the London Express, who was the favourite, Tingle Creek to beat him by a length, with Clear Cut 25 lengths away, third.

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Girls compete with boys for the title

Girls will compete with boys for the Crown Plus Two Apprentice Championship next year. A number of girls are taking out apprenticeships to the professional ranks and one of the first was the great of the sponsors: a luncheon in London yesterday. She is Jane McDonald, 25-year-old daughter of a farmer from Malton, Yorkshire. I hope to be the first to race against professionals in the first round of the Crown Championship at Doncaster on March 20, said Jane, who goes to school at 7:30 and has already ridden in ladies' events.

Eddery stays ahead

In a repeat of their struggle for the Jockey's championship, Patrick Eddery and Lester Piggott fought out a thrilling finish for the Natal Filly's Guineas at Pietermaritzburg on Sunday. Riding Forevers, Eddery won by a short head from Piggott's mount, Fairie Queen. Both fillies are trained by Eddery's father, the former English jockey Bill Rickaby, and a cousin of Piggott.

Because of the unprecedented rate of inflation, the Levy Board has had second thoughts about their allocation to the 1975 prize money scheme. They will now be an increase of £300,000 instead of the £350,000 announced in July. This makes the total contribution £1,075,000, an increase of 20 per cent on this year.

Ascot programme

Table of racing programmes for Ascot, including races like 12.30 PUNCH BOWL HURDLE, 1.15 JOHN COMINS STEEPLCHASE, 1.35 COPPER HORSE HURDLE, etc.

Ascot selections

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12.30 Mandemon, 1.55 Sonny Somers, 1.35 Miss Boo, 2.5 Happy

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Some Surprise falls, runs out, refuses, then wins

David Barons, the Devon trained, was the hero of the season's most dramatic race at Ludlow yesterday, the two-horse Castledore Handicap Steeplechase. They both fell at the second fence and then the fun really started. As some Surprise galloped across the finish line from the stands on to the course, hurried himself at the horse, caught the reins and rode him back for Sandy Greaves to take care of. He was back at the stables' head the Queen Mother's 3-1 on favourite, Greynoke Pillar, was caught and taken care of before he eventually being ridden to his jockey, Aly Brantford. Then it was decided he should not continue.

By this time, May had jumped the second fence again on Some Surprise, but at the next, his mount refused. Put at the obstacle again, Some Surprise ran out, but at the third attempt he neg this fence although hitting. Some Surprise managed round the rest of the course nearly eight minutes after "off", crossed the line cheery. Then came a si inquiry by the jockey. Some Surprise should be jumping the second fence the stewards were sad to find the winner had not broken through the fence. He was taken to the stand. May told the winner to jump Some Surprise over a plain fence to get back into the race before being the ditch at the third fence. Barons said: "We've had a fan with Some Surprise, but he's a bit excited today. Nickolas Cassel, assistant to Fulke Walwyn, trains Greynoke Pillar, said it is a difficult feat to catch again, Some Surprise ran out, but

Haydock Park programme

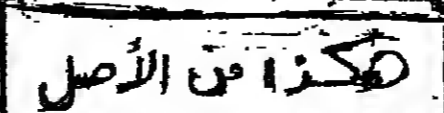
Table of racing programmes for Haydock Park, including races like 1.15 HAYDOCK HURDLE, 1.45 COUNTY STEEPLCHASE, 2.15 CLUB HURDLE, etc.

Haydock Park selections

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1.15 Foreign Field, 1.45 The Sundance Kid, 2.15 Glasshouse, 2.45 1.35 Standwick Sovereign, 3.45 Monbazou.

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Finding the facts

a Special Report on information storage and retrieval systems

New methods tackle avalanche of paper

by Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

There is no interruption to the avalanche of information generated in all sectors of industry, administration and science.

Providing access to that information is being done by new methods. Nuclear scientists, for example, can obtain much of their information by using a keyboard to interrogate a computer-based data bank.

In only one or two subjects, such as advanced theoretical physics and mathematics, do scientists exchange letters and visits as the main channel for disseminating their most important ideas in a communication network of friendships.

The reason why most people in research, industry, education, government and so forth cannot do this lies in the "information explosion".

Thousands of papers and reference books are produced every year on every conceivable technical topic. However, an even greater amount of documentation comes from commercial companies, the law, government departments and, more recently, European organisations. Hence libraries and special information centres are in danger of drowning under this mass of material.

Most of the literature connected with advanced methods of storing and retrieving information tends to be for scientific purposes because here the problems are more readily identified. However, many questions arise in the running of offices and factories that are suitable for answering by technical information retrieval methods. An airline seat reservation system, through which a booking clerk can instantly check on available space at the push of a button, is a commercial example.

This is an intriguing development in the application of computers because the same machine can be doing a much larger but different type of information processing job at the same time for the sectors and engineering sections of the organisation.

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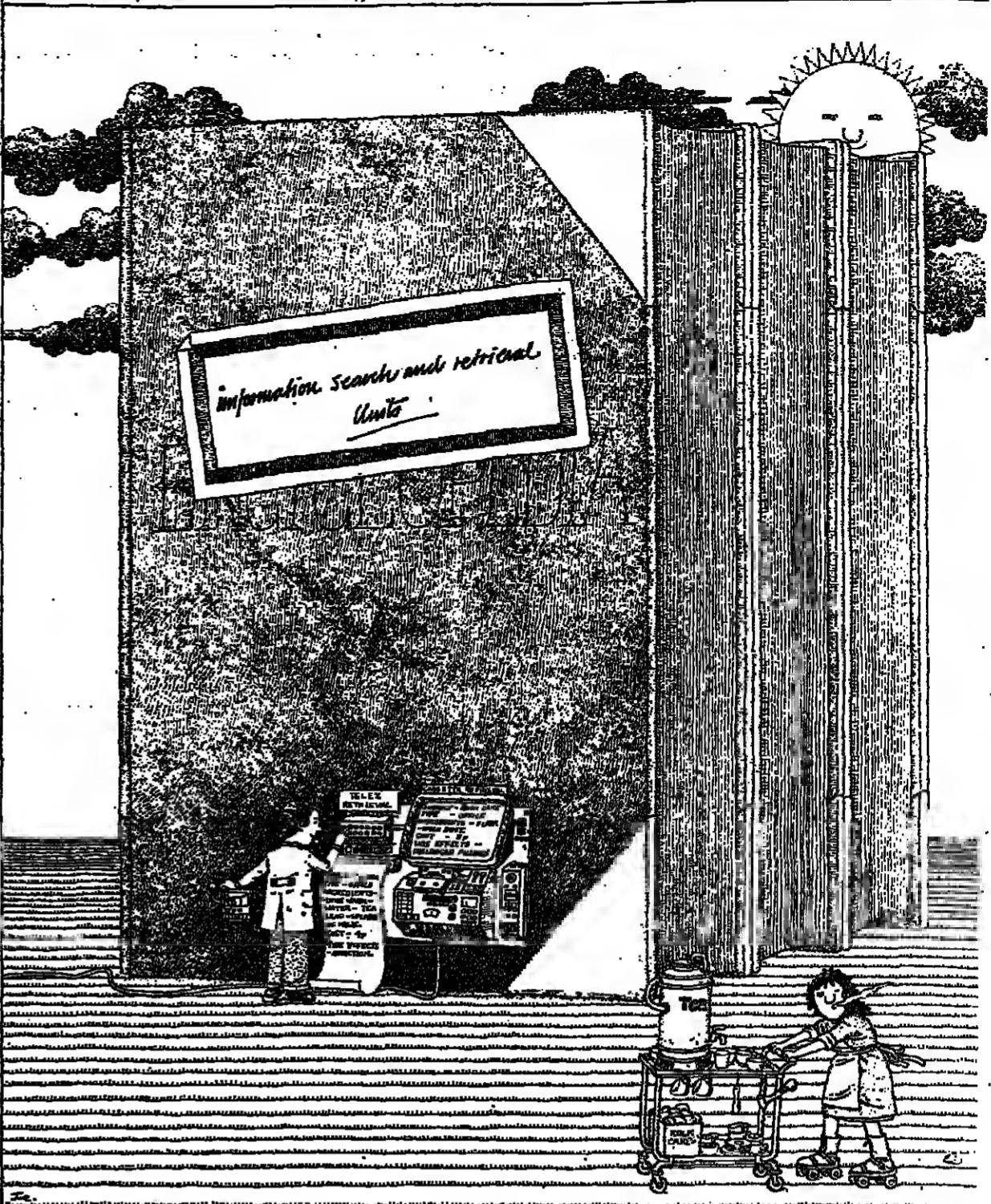
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active in Britain. It has created the machinery for cooperation between libraries, information services and specialised groups giving assistance to science and industry.

No other independent organization seems to exist to do the education and training, research and consultancy conducted by this organization. Methods for storage and retrieval may be transforming ways of working but the basic goal has always been to make individuals aware that information they want exists and to provide the easiest possible means of getting at a badly coveted one.

The idea of each user having a keyboard and television-type screen with which to ask and receive answers directly from a machine is more attractive in theory than in practice. An important part of the Aslib training programme has been showing how users can adjust to this idea of communicating directly with the computer as a routine procedure.

Individual information retrieval systems tend to develop special devices of

language and equipment for their particular material. This has led to research and development into making these different services compatible.

There is a real danger that these specialized services could become so elaborate that only a small number of people have the key for unlocking their contents. Fortunately the skills gained in the trial and error process of early developments are being applied to arrive at acceptable standards.

This is evident from a new project at the Royal Veterinary College, with a grant from the British Library, for an experimental computer retrieval unit based on Index Veterinary, a monthly author and subject index to the world's animal literature. Other services include some veterinary information. These will be examined in the study and used in assessments with veterinary practitioners throughout Europe to see if their needs are being satisfactorily met.

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Unwise investment can be disaster

by Julie Harnett
editor, Office Equipment News

Administration, without timely management information, can cause ulcers. When competition is rough, reports are needed which show what happened yesterday, not last week or last month. When decisions have to be made, the information on which to base them is required immediately, not in a few hours or a few days. Whether this is possible will depend upon the type of information storage and retrieval system employed.

Choosing the right equipment to match the requirements of the organization involves investigating the various methods and systems available with respect to capital cost, staffing costs, time, space, future expansion and efficiency. It is also important to note whether the cost would be immediate, long-range, hidden or apparent.

Other considerations must be employee training in systems operation, hardware and software maintenance and service.

Business efficiency is more vital today than it has ever been and wise investment can pay dividends; unwise investment can be disastrous. A good information system means more than buying extra filing cabinets as the volume of paperwork increases. It could add to inefficiency, involving the clerk in hours of searching for a particular document. With office rents at an all-time high, the cost in space of one cabinet is an overhead which can no longer be ignored.

On the other hand, to invest in a computer the capability of which far exceeds present and potential growth does not make economic sense either.

For no more than a simple filing system the carousel type word consultant (available from ADM Business Systems, Expandex, Flexiform and Frank Wilson). This type of system consists of circular files, with from one to six tiers, which rotate independently and allow reference from 360°.

From one to three people can work at the equipment

without coming into conflict and units can be placed at the desk side or on the desk top. One tier can hold the equivalent of one filing drawer, saving a possible 50 per cent to 70 per cent of floor space. The average retrieval time is about 10 seconds.

If storage and retrieval speed is more important, automated filing systems should be investigated, since average file location time is between four and six seconds. Housed in cabinets, these units consist of a series of trays which rotate vertically and, at the touch of a button, the relevant file appears in front of the operator.

Powered filing systems can save more space, since units can be built to ceiling height, making full use of an area rarely used. Systems of this type are available from Autopan, Conveyomatic, Remington, Roneo and Zippel.

Some of the most imposing advances in information storage and retrieval have been in microfilm. The obvious advantages of this method, vast reductions in storage space requirements, fast and cheap distribution through the post and economic material, are complemented by increases in productivity, retrieval speed and communication.

When it is considered that paper costs alone rose by 40 per cent last year, microfilming makes sound sense since a micro image on film can be from a fifth to a forty-fifth the size of the original document.

Suitable applications for microfilm are as a means of disseminating information at low cost, duplicates of centrally held records; as a means of improving security, since passers-by are not so likely to read important material; as an insurance against loss of original documents, which could be disastrous in some industries; for micro publishing and recording of published information which is subject to regular updating; and as an easier means of reading computer printouts.

Starting at below £4,000 for a basic system, prices go up to about £40,000 for a full set of peripherals. This means that expenditure can be planned over a period of time and as requirement demands.

are needed, such as a camera, film supplies, film processing facilities, simple storage cabinets—preferably fireproof—for housing the recorded files, a film mounter, a reader or reader/printer, and a microfilm duplicator.

Training of staff in the use of the system is usually undertaken by the suppliers (Agfa-Gevaert, Bell & Howell, Caps Microfilm, Kodak, NCR and Sperry Remington). Kodak go even further by running seminars for training management in private industry and public service.

The arrival on the scene of COM (computer output on microfilm) has advanced the use of microfilm-based systems even farther. Computer stationery is especially useful in its bulk and information content, and it involves vast quantities of paper being stored, which is not only a fire hazard, but creates enormous problems in terms of re-reading, retrieval and eventual disposal.

Producing COM tapes on the computer would obviate the need for printout sheets and, with the possible savings on computer time, the capital outlay on additional equipment, such as readers, could well be recovered in a year.

Computers, as a means of information storage and retrieval have been much maligned over the past few years. This is probably because their capacity was not fully used.

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Julie Harnett and Patrick O' Leary examine the systems adopted by three organizations

Mini computer cuts processing to a second

In order to streamline the handling of orders and stock control and to cut the time necessary to retrieve information on stock levels from at least five minutes to one second, Oyez Stationery are installing a computer and a microfilm system. This will give instant management information and save two thirds on present filing space, allow valuable redeployment of labour and improve service to customers.

Oyez Stationery, part of The Solicitors Law Stationery Society Group, provides office supplies, legal forms, books and office equipment to the legal profession. It has expanded its traditional legal work and, by planned growth, has moved into the commercial market.

A regional service is provided to its customers from six warehouses, supplying about 5,000 standard stock items. As part of an overall future programme, the company decided to carry out a survey on its existing procedures with particular reference to the storage and retrieval of information.

At the time the decision was made Oyez was handling a daily order intake running into many thousands, with customer files in the six figure bracket.

The traditional manual filing method was used for handling customers' orders, invoicing and stock control. It was apparent that, with such a high volume of storage and retrieval work, this method was neither economic nor efficient. The situation was exacerbated by the market difficulties of retaining adequate stock levels, since the system was not geared to provide management with immediate information on stock optimization procedures.

Mr P. Lynch, managing director, specified the company's requirements—a system which would be capable of providing immediate access to stock holdings, stock levels and outstanding orders on suppliers. It was considered essential that invoices should be produced within 24 hours of receipt of orders and ready to accompany goods dispatched to save the company postal charges.

Management information on sales, variances, gross profit and margins needs to be available on demand. As Mr Lynch pointed out: "Any system installed must be flexible. We are a sales oriented company, providing a service to our customers. A system must be one that will benefit the customer by improving service and the company by being cost effective, and providing rapid financial and management control information."

Available systems were investigated and the System 700, marketed by Midland Business Machines of Northampton, was chosen. It is a small business (mini) computer based on a DEC central processing unit with keyboard input and visual display units. The system, which will be installed first in the London warehousing and central purchasing division, will consist of seven visual display units providing a storage capacity of up to 40 million characters. Any character can be located and displayed on the visual display unit screen within a second.

Interrogation of stock supplies and customer files is instantaneous, the information being produced on the screen with an option to obtain a printout of the information.

Recognizing that hard copy must be retained in certain circumstances and that computers also produce paper requiring storage, it is planned to install a microfilm system.

In this sphere Oyez Stationery is making full use of Oyez Reprographic, the sister company providing a microfilm service and which has vast experience of systems consultancy. The result of the microfilming operation will mean that a document can be retrieved and displayed on a reader in about 20 seconds and a copy produced, as required, in a further 20 seconds.

The first MBM system is planned to be "live" by June. The remaining five warehousing complexes will be phased in by the end of next year. Oyez Stationery experts to meet their space saving criteria, along with valuable redeployment of manpower and considerably improved service as a direct result of these installations.

J.H.

Coal board shows how to clear miles of shelves

In its Central Pensions and Insurance Centre at St James's House, Sheffield, the National Coal Board operates what surely will become the biggest microfilm project in Britain. Its scale is impressive not only from the point of view of the huge numbers of records involved (well over a million), but in diversity of techniques employed—roll film, microfiche, jacks, simulated fiche, microfiche, aperture and optical coincidence cards.

The purpose of adopting microfilm techniques was to save a large volume of work. Considerable benefits have accrued: savings of time, savings of cost, savings of space, ability to safeguard master records from fire hazards and the confidence that the information is always up-to-date and accurate.

Another reason was because of flexibility. Although the present disciplines of paying pensions and benefits are largely controlled by Statute, there is no guarantee that this will remain so; new legislation might be passed at any time, requiring a substantial reappraisal of procedures. Previously the traditional system necessitated the filing being split into four more or less equal, independent sections. Some 80,000 current cases were housed at the centre, the rest (about 350,000) were stored elsewhere.

About 4,500 to 5,000 letters, inquiring about records pass through the office every day. All must be checked at the centre for the better. But prolonged retrieval time was slowing up the whole operation; up to an hour to trace the right file, and locate the required information was considered a good going. Sometimes it proved impossible to find it until the following day. With microfilm five minutes is considered slow, one minute being the norm.

The cost of providing standard forms to establish each new case was becoming prohibitive. It was working out at about £2 a time—and 600 new files on average were entering the system each week. With microfilm an overview is all that is required.

Mr Clyn Trearne and Mr David Elvans of NCB's Organization and Methods group (headed by Mr Tom Hickey), Mr Peter Stafford, the manager of the centre, and Mr Gordon Milligan, the director general of industrial relations, analysed requirements, compared technical specifications and eventually recommended System 700 Remington equipment. The benefits are already being felt.

A floor which used to be largely taken up as a file store is now empty and usable as office accommodation. The system, which occupied three shelf miles, with when the conversion is completed, be stored on microfilm and the paper discarded. Security has been usefully improved. All current files are completely up-to-date all the time, which ensures more accurate processing.

As cases are microfilmed, they are coded in a single comprehensive index, whereas previously 13 indexes were required. They index comprises 300,000 SIn by SIn cards, housed in a Sperry Remington Kardvep automated card filing system. The cards are in the process of being binary coded and linked to an optical coincidence system which is in turn related to binary coding of microfilm jackets.

Consideration is also being given to COM (computer output on magnetic). Never short of imagination, Mr Hickey and Mr Elvans are thinking beyond COM to

a further stage which might involve CIM (computer input microfilm). Such concepts have been mooted before and discarded as pipe dreams, but a great deal of research has been done and it would seem that the NCB has the expert knowledge to make such advanced technologies work for it.

Planning is well advanced for taking on a readaptation benefits scheme for the iron and steel industry as agents for the Department of Industry. The logic of the move is sound enough. The NCB has the expert knowledge, having worked closely with government departments before, and coal and steel are, after all, linked for the purposes of the EEC through the European Coal and Steel Community.

The practice may not prove quite as simple as theory, however. As well as the relevant files of the British Steel Corporation, it will mean taking on the records of the British Iron and Steel Producers Association.

Nevertheless, this extra load will no doubt justify even more strongly the wisdom of converting to microfilm for day-to-day working files.

J.H.

Government saves researchers' time

The Department of the Environment increased its efforts this year to eliminate wasted effort in research projects related to its many activities. Other government departments, research institutions, universities, local planning authorities, and similar bodies were asked to supply details of any relevant work in which they were engaged.

In this way it is hoped that there will be less risk of work being duplicated by teams working in ignorance of what others are doing. One result was the publication this month of an index of government and Government sponsored environmental research. It contains a brief summary of more than 800 projects in progress at the end of last year.

It is nothing new for the department to issue surveys of research on various subjects which come under its umbrella. But this year's move is an attempt to coordinate the information, and make it more readily available to the people who need it.

Data on the register for each project gives details of where the research is being done, who is doing it, the title and a short description of the work, sponsorship and cost, the start and expected completion dates, and a list of any publications.

In addition, researchers are asked to indicate their aims, methods, and techniques, and to provide any research specially devised for their use, adding a field of experimental tests involved. The particulars are kept on file, and the intention is to update these files each year.

Industrial security sometimes restrains the passing of information, especially when private companies are concerned. Organizations are told to indicate any part of the information which they do not wish to be made available outside the department. But, in practice it has been found that only a small proportion do so.

Activities covered reflect the wide scope of the department, which was formed out of an amalgamation of several ministries. A few examples of projects listed are: conservation of sand dunes, the improvement of economic activities in Edinburgh in relation to land use strategy, measurement and analysis of vehicle noise in tall buildings, and the values of residential houses since 1955. The register operates from three centres, each responsible for specific subjects. The centres are at the Building Research Establishment, the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, and

the Department of the Environment itself. Inquiries can be made by post, telephone, telex or personal visit by appointment.

Information is not confined to that supplied directly by research teams. Staff scan thousands of specialist periodicals.

In addition the department's library in London keeps registers of research published by outside bodies. A list compiled in October last numbered 108 of these and by this month another 22 titles had been added. Some were from overseas, and one was a record of current work on these at universities.

The department has found a brisk demand for its publications, and a ready response to the request for information. "When researchers see other people's work on the register, it makes them want to be said."

Information is also exchanged with such bodies as the International Reference System for Sources of Environment Information and a United Nations group of experts working on urban and regional research. Individual countries also have been eager to cooperate, and several international exchange agreements have been concluded.

P. O'L.

Any subject under the sun

by Mary James

Should you, by any chance, have an urgent need to know the sulphur content of crude oil from Kuwait, you could telephone the Institute of Petroleum Library. It would certainly be able to help. This library, available to the public at the discretion of the librarian, is one of the hundreds of specialist libraries in London alone.

Special libraries deserve to be more widely known. Most of them are listed and described, along with public libraries and their special collections, in *The Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries Year Book*. Whatever the subject of your interest there is almost certainly, somewhere, a specialist library devoted to it.

From the Timber Research and Development Association library in High Wycombe, the Flour Milling Baking Research Association library in Chorleywood, the Animal Breeding and Research Organization library in Edinburgh and the Meteorological Office library

in Bracknell to the Tropical Products Institute and Hospital Centre libraries in London, the range is extensive.

All provide specialist information services to the members of the organizations which run them—the institutes, research associations, companies and colleges. But many are also freely available to the public for reference, others by special arrangement.

It is as difficult to define what constitutes a specialist information service as to determine where general knowledge becomes specialized interest. A library, however large its collection of literature, is not an information service if it cannot deliver the goods to the inquirer; and, on the other hand, an information service can direct people to information without itself storing the information they need.

The capacity to make information available is the only common denominator of the various types and large numbers of specialist information services: special

libraries, which themselves vary in the type and extent of the services they provide, are just one category.

They must include the public library system which, in theory at least, should be able to satisfy through its referral and inter-lending systems any inquiry, however specialized, from the smallest of its sub-branches. The British Library, now in process of organizing its huge component parts into a new coherent whole, is developing its ideas on how best to provide special inquiry and referral services like that offered freely to the public by the Science Reference Library.

The private information services within individual companies, trades and professions are another important category, themselves sources of information to the outside world. Finally there are the commercial enterprises which undertake to provide their fee-paying subscribers with regular abstracting and information services on particular subjects.



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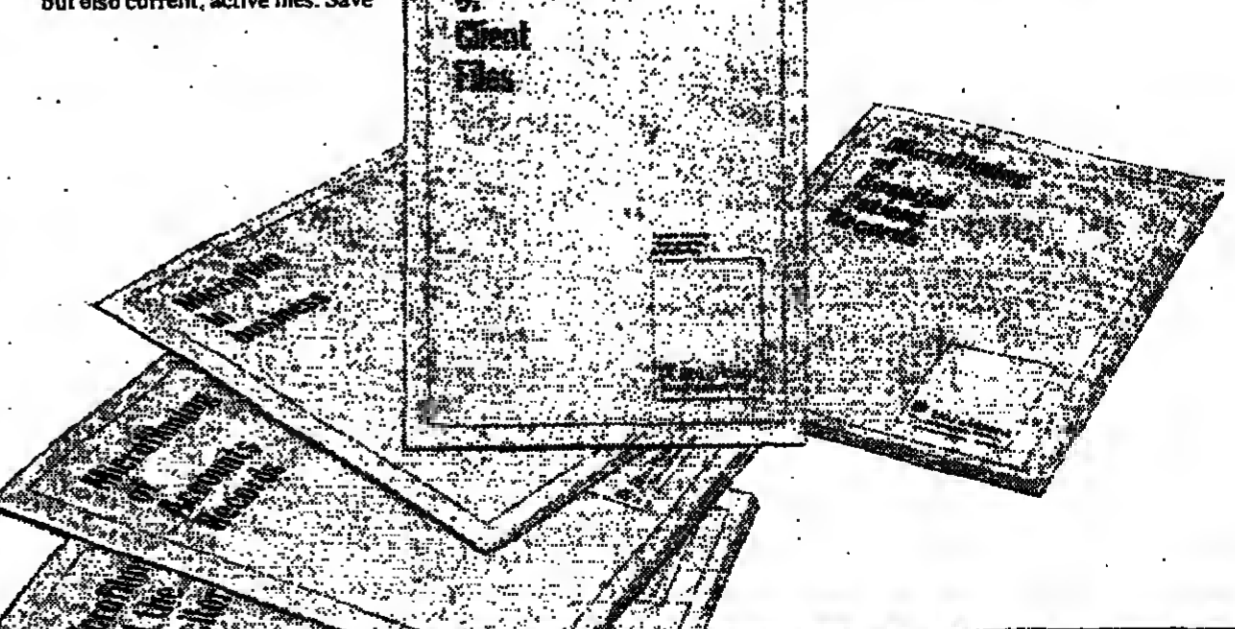
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America's Safeguard gives Russians something to think about A £2,000m defence system that may last only ten minutes

In a remote part of North Dakota just south of the Canadian border, midway between the towns of Devil's Lake and Wabasha, an alien growth protrudes above the black-soil fields. The building, a flat-topped pyramid, 75 feet high with a white-rimmed eye dominating each of its four faces, is the Missile Site Radar, control centre of the Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system.

The hushed northern wheat-land makes a strange home for a weapon that is ceaselessly discussed in Washington and Moscow, which its makers say is the most complex electronic system in existence, and which is costing the United States about £2,326 million, or about a quarter of what it took to send men to the moon.

Safeguard was completed last month except for the installation of its nuclear missiles, and is now undergoing shakedown tests before being handed over to the United States Army by its designers, the Bell Telephone System. Its task is to protect part of the country's 150 Minuteman missiles buried in silos around the nearby countryside.

In the event of nuclear war, Safeguard would probably enjoy some 10 minutes or so of active life. Twenty-five miles north east of the Missile Site Radar pyramid stands the Perimeter Acquisition Radar, a 110 foot high building with a giant eye occupying its north wall. The eye's beam, 1,800 miles in range, will find and track missiles launched from the Soviet

Union as they round the earth over the North Pole.

Data on the missiles' trajectories is passed to Central Logic and Control, the command computer on the second floor of the Missile Site Radar. From the time the missiles are tracked, the computer has about five to 10 minutes to plan out the battle ahead. (The only human intervention there is time for is an order from the President that the defence may proceed.)

The Russian missiles may be concealed in a cloud of decoys and rocket fragments, all moving in at a speed of about four miles a second. The computer's first option is to fire its long range interceptor, the Spartan missile, which meets its target above the atmosphere and destroys it in a burst of X-rays.

If the Spartans miss, or if no interceptors are attempted at this stage, Central Logic and Control waits for the cloud to hit the atmosphere so that with the Missile Site Radar it can sort out the real warheads. Within only seconds remaining before impact, the computer launches its close-in interceptors. The one-shaped Sprint missiles are tossed out of their cells at the pyramid's base, reach their targets within seconds of launch, and disable them in a shower of neutrons. The points of interception are planned in advance by the computer so as to ensure that the missiles do not destroy each other or black out the radar's vision.

Safeguard might or might not survive such a battle, depending largely on how many missiles the Russians could spare

to throw at it. The system is limited by the SALT treaty to deploying only 100 defensive missiles, the chosen ratio being 25 Spartans and 75 Sprints. But Safeguard has already survived a ferocious political battle for existence. Originally there were to have been 17 sites like that in North Dakota, deployed in a nationwide city defence system. Critics argued with devastating effectiveness that the system would not work, principally because the Russians could overwhelm the defence by sending in more missiles.

At one point in the protracted national debate the Senate was evenly divided on whether to proceed with the system and the vote had to be broken by then Vice-President Agnew. Safeguard, though not then built, proved to be the United States trump card in the Salt negotiations. The Russians had more confidence in the system's reliability than did its critics at home. In return for an American undertaking to confine Safeguard to two and later a single site, the Soviet Union agreed to limit its fast-growing arsenal of offensive missiles.

The costs of the trump card have been huge, and so has been the intellectual investment. Between 1970 and 1973, the years of peak activity, about 10,000 professionals were involved in the design of the system. Some 2,000 of these were computer programmers, whose labours are used to represent the most complex software package ever devised.

Safeguard's two radars are placed array radars, among the few of their kind in existence. Unlike conventional radars, which have a movable dish, the beam of a phased array radar is steered electronically from fixed antenna elements, allowing several targets to be tracked simultaneously. The Sprint is a spectacular example of missile technology. Fired at the same time as a machine gun, it will reach and overtake the huller within three seconds. Heart of the system is Central Logic and Control, a specially designed computer capable of performing about 10 million operations a second. To assure reliability in action, its hardware components are divided into two formally equal partitions, designated "green" and "amber". The green side fights the actual battle while the amber checks the green and instantly switches to its own corresponding component in place of any green part that develops a fault.

"Technically it's a fine system, but it's like a train that doesn't go anywhere", says an eminent scientist-critic of Safeguard. The critics may be right in doubting the system's strategic effectiveness, yet anyone visiting the machine-crammed pyramid on the North Dakota plains cannot help imbuing a sense that it will work, and that the Soviet Union was well advised to bargain for its limitation.



Launch of a Sprint missile. A few feet off the ground the rocket pitches over onto its pre-set course.

Nicholas Wade
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Political secrets of the A-bomb How Britain fell behind in the nuclear arms race

Would Britain have come to terms sooner with her declining political and economic status in the postwar world if her own and her refugee scientists had been less clear sighted and had played no part in a wartime atomic project? This contentious notion is not so speculative as it might seem. It is the theme of a new book by Professor Margaret Gowing.

Called *Independence and Deterrence*, it covers the effect of atomic decisions on strategic, political and international considerations, and the administrative and constitutional machine. A second volume analyses the cost, the manpower and the problems of health, safety and secrecy behind the bomb.

In the period under scrutiny between 1945 and 1952, Anglo-American negotiations for nuclear cooperation were at their most traumatic; one of the consequences was disaster for relations between Britain, the Commonwealth and Europe. Although Mrs Gowing is unable to refer in detail to certain papers that are still classified, the revelations should provoke a mixture of shame, anger and disbelief at the way momentous decisions were made. It should make disturbing reading for all parliamentarians, and for the anti-nuclear Labour left in particular, who can discover how easy and for how long policies affecting the fate of the country can be pursued without proper reference to Cabinet—and certainly without the knowledge of Parliament.

In different ways, both Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee condoned such circumstances as should find hard to swallow.

Because of the magnitude and complexity of the atomic issues, both the Labour and Conservative Governments in the first decade after the war were unable to the belief that was inappropriate to the normal machinery of government. Churchill had insisted that knowledge be kept to the smallest possible circle of ministers and advisers. Only Sir John Anderson and Lord Cherwell knew continuously the whole detail under Churchill's direction. It was only he, however, who was not a member of the war cabinet.

Matters did not improve much with the newly elected Labour Government in 1945 which was even less able to handle the individuals in the Foreign Office, Cabinet Office Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the Treasury were equipped to advise. Even the Chiefs of Staff had been given the barest outline of the early programme. The legacy of these circumstances on policy and progress for the next few years is a sorry tale.

In the early post-war days, when the possibility of bomb attacks on Britain were considered remote, the atomic issues were not in the forefront of many strategic appraisals. They became more crucial after the explosion in Russia in 1949. Even so, the Defence Committee as such was not kept regularly informed of Britain's own programme for producing atomic bombs nor its expenditure upon it.

Indeed, even with access to official files, and the help of Mrs Lorna Arnold—departmental record officer of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority—Professor Gowing finds difficulty unravelling the decision-making process in which many special groupings and titles were created in government for this subject.

For 18 months there was no standing ministerial committee on atomic energy. There was

simply Gen 75, or one of a committee given a "C" designation for certain ad hoc purposes. The Prime Minister would answer Parliament questions on atomic sub-topics on several occasions. Great effort was taken by 75 to get them removed from the order paper on second thoughts.

Although Churchill had at the process of secrecy, he was surprised when in October 1951 to discover the size of atomic energy programme up by the Labour administration. He found with a mix of admiration, envy and how his predecessors had £100 million on it without forming Parliament. Nevertheless he continued the clandestine actions, albeit time with some qualm.

Cherwell believed fervently that Britain should possess atomic bombs. Two other prominent scientific advisers, Mr Attlee, Sir Henry Tizard and Professor Patrick Blackett, too. Once it had been decided that the objective of British atomic energy programme was first and foremost a military one, perseverance with American atomic connections inevitable.

Curiously the decision to a bomb was not taken as until the project was well advanced. The dilemma was political, but there was a technological choice between building a factory for enriching uranium-235 or building a plutonium plant. The size for a plutonium bomb much less than uranium-235, as a plutonium bomb needed as plutonium for sizes of the first devices, a plutonium was chosen. Enrichment plant for uranium was added later.

On almost every issue events over 20 years strike a responsive note. Atomic energy development seems today to be going through the same confusion, disorientation and indecision affecting civil as well as defence.

In view of the circumstances that the technicians were successful working against a ground of administrative mayhem.

Not least of the difficulties was the breakdown of cooperation with the United States. Neglecting for a moment arguments for nuclear disarmament, completion of reactors, processing plants, weaponry to make a bomb an outstanding achievement in science and engineering.

Yet there is a good case suggesting that the early cess of a team of British nuclear scientists in 1941 to the United States played a key part in the success of the Manhattan Project in the United States.

Because of wartime conditions the British were unable to pursue a project on their own. After some difficult negotiations they became junior partners with the Americans, and in 1945, the poor relations, work by the British was even so, the Defence Committee as such was not kept regularly informed of Britain's own programme for producing atomic bombs nor its expenditure upon it.

Useful relations with the United States on nuclear matters did not return to Britain until the completion of her independent programme.

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Chance for the EEC summit to be more than a talk-in

One of the curiosities of diplomacy is that despite all the advances in the means of communication, there is no substitute for face to face meetings. This was the basis of Dr Kissinger's success in establishing relations with Peking and in pursuing détente with Moscow, and was the point of his frantic journeys round the Middle East.

At the same time the opposite holds true. Face to face meetings can also serve as a substitute for diplomacy. If there is nothing much to be said or done, ministers can still give this lack of substance a certain ritual significance by arranging meetings, flying in and out of foreign capitals and appearing on television.

The trouble with summit meetings of the European Community is that these two interpretations overlap and get confused. The natural expectation is that important decisions should be taken, to put the European Community back on course. In practice everyone knows that a discussion at this level, however delightful the dinner that follows, cannot put things right.

Nevertheless, it makes sense for heads of government to meet from time to time, just to talk face to face. It is better than any number of official telegrams.

The first summit meeting of the European Community was the business sort, back in 1969 at the Hague. Significantly, three days were allocated to it. The object on that occasion was to push M. Pompidou into accepting negotiations with Britain (which Mr Wilson's Government had been insisting on so strongly that he declared he would not take no for an answer). In return for an agreement to set up the Community budget, M. Pompidou finally agreed.

M. Pompidou held his own summit in Paris in October, 1972 just before British membership became a reality. It seemed eminently sensible to map out a programme for the new enlarged Community, to take stock of where it had got to and what it was going

to do. The summit was a success, but no one wanting to be a spoilsport, the whole thing is probably going to take place in early December.

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David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

I swear by the famous Levinici I cannot tell a lie

The BBC is staging a competition. I see, to find the Biggest Liar in the World (I presume that You-Know-Who must have been ruled out as ineligible, or the show would be over before it had begun), the finals of which are to take place in the Lake District today, under the auspices of Radio Carlisle.

I have not entered the contest, though I flatter myself that I could have given some of the champions a run for their money if I had. I have in my time temporarily convinced a large number of people that Christmas crackers were invented by a Herr August Kracker, of Berlin, in 1857, and that there is a statue of him in that city (an achievement which, alas, turned sour some years later when I revealed to the very same audience that there is no monument in a Venetian park to the memory of Hieronymus Singer, who invented the sewing-machine, which is perfectly true but which not one of those present would believe), and on countless occasions, may Heaven forgive my sins, I have practised the same idle ruminating on my dangerously trusting friends and acquaintances—once, for instance, when driving across Blackheath, I told her, since she had wondered aloud how it had got its name, that the "Black" was a corruption of the Old English *bleok*, meaning green, and another time when we were at the Palo in Siena, and I insisted that one of the eight terms were called the Levinici, cunningly building up the suspense with a repeated "Not yet, not yet," as each company appeared, until, at the seventh, I declared that these, in their red-and-white-and-green livery with a rhinoceros emblem, were indeed the famed band, so that two minutes later we were on our feet shouting "Come on the Levinici!" in unison, to the considerable astonishment of those around us, one of whom was her mother, who later the same evening decided that it was time her daughter learned the full truth about me, whereupon the child, presumably to show

Bernard Levin

that there were no hard feelings, went out and bought me a handsome antique tile, bearing the arms of the Levinici, rhinoceros and all, which stands on my desk to this day, to witness if I lie; or at any rate, it stands on my desk.

But the BBC contest drove me back to Baron Munchausen, whom I had not opened for years. There really was a Baron Munchausen, you know, who told tall tales which his hearers were apparently meant to believe; later, these were published by a most engaging publisher called Rudolph Raspe, who seems to have added some of his own, and subsequent editions were still further embroidered. One of my favourite among the tales (it is Raspe's) tells of his liberation from Calais of a shipful of English prisoners of war.

After forming a pair of wings, each of them forty yards long and four feet wide, and annexing them to myself, I mounted at break of day. As I hovered over the ship I fastened three grappling-irons to the tops of the three masts, and fairly lifted her gently out of the water, and then proceeded across to Dover. . . . Having no further occasion for these wings, I made them a present to the governor of Dover Castle, where they are now exhibited to the curious.

The liar I love best, because of the magnificent ingenuity of his lie, is Max Beerbohm's A. V. Lairder. (Far from my shelves, I had forgotten Lairder's name, and rang up that omniscient Mr Denis Parsons, in the confident expectation that he could prompt me.) "How are you on Max Beerbohm?" I was asked. "Well, he was my great-uncle," came the encouraging reply. On the spur of the moment, which is of course the best time for a really great lie, I said that he was the god-daughter, *passim*. Lairder invents a tale of being in a railway-carriage with six other people, where—dabbling as he

does in palmistry—he is prevailed upon to read their hands, and discovers to his horror that all their life-lines stop abruptly at almost exactly the age they are at that moment, whereupon he realises, to his deeper horror, that since, as he has learned, some of them are going abroad for many years on the morrow, the simultaneous extinction of all of them must be about to take place, with the crashing of the train. The narrator of the story swallows it whole, and is much put out later to learn that it was only *bon trovato*. On his guard thereafter, he falls into conversation with Lairder while they are walking on the beach, and finds him shudder at the thought of the seagulls. Max ends it beautifully.

"They always remind me of something—rather an awful thing—that once happened to me." It was a very awful thing indeed.

There are some excellent liars in *Saki*, too, whom I read a lot in my youth, as I did the *Jorkens* stories of Lord Dunsany, though we are never allowed to be quite certain whether Jorkens is in fact a romancer or not. Shaw was not the most extravagant truthful man who ever lived, at any rate where his own life and background were concerned, but he suffered cruelly from the sting of his friends at his story of his uncle's suicide, which, though perfectly true, was, as Shaw put it, "so extraordinarily grotesque, so absolutely unprecedented in the entire annals of self-destruction, that often as I have told the story, it has never once been believed", which was one altogether surprising in view of the fact that his uncle's method of doing away with himself had been to put his head in a Gladstone bag and shut it. Maybe I should have gone to Carlisle for the BBC competition after all—indeed, I am surprised that they did not invite me to do so, if I got nothing else out of it; I could nip up to Ullswater and eat at the Sharrow Bay Hotel. Well, a man needs a good dinner after a day's hard

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were neatly nestled in a fresh three-decker sesame bun with chopped lettuce, fried onions, sliced pickle, melted cheese and thousand island dressing. Fries were uniformly long and thin, crisp and well-salted. The shake, almost a pint, was made with real soft ice cream and enough chocolate syrup, and it was thick enough to stand a straw in. To finish I had an eggroll-shaped crusty and gooey Hot Apple Pie (15p) with a coffee (10p) of bland "American blend".

It was all just like McDonald's back home in Los Angeles: neat, uniform, quick, convenient, and uncomplicated. Weak-hearted conservationists should be warned to stay away though—everything, whether to eat there or to take away, is wrapped in at least one, and more likely two, layers of McDonald's monogrammed paper or cardboard.

I ordered the Big Mac at 45p, French Fries (12p), and a chocolate shake (18p). Service was immediate (I timed it at 30 seconds) thanks to a rapidly moving staff of 11, all of them in blue McDonald's uniforms with paper hats.

The Big Mac had two pure beef patties each about an eighth of a pound and, though overcooked, without the slightest trace of dreaded lumps of fat or gristle. They

Nastier

A book on the role of the United Nations as a peace-keeping force was launched in London yesterday by the Yale University Press. It is called *The Thin Blue Line: International Peacekeeping and its Future*. It sets out to show how the UN has attempted to maintain peace in the past—shortcomings and all—and how it proposes to keep the peace in the future.

When the book was launched in New York last Thursday it did not get a tickertape welcome. One of the authors, Brigadier Michael Harbottle, a UN old-hand, said that the party could not be held in the UN building because security measures were such that peacekeepers could not get in.

The Brigadier, a handsome man with a lined face allowed, when pressed by reporters, that the world was a much nastier place than in 1945 when the UN was born. At the same time, he said it could have been a much nastier place still had it not been for the UN.

He agreed, however, that the



Mrs Orth, and referred to crucial matter of shelling or it went:

"A crab-shelling machine would be of great assistance both technically and financially to crab fishers in the European Community. Does the Commission know what progress has been made towards the development of an effective crab-shelling machine...?"

"Does the Commission have any possibility of providing EEC subsidies for the cost of storage and deep-freezing fresh crab-meat which, owing to high interest rates, is a heavy burden for the individual fisherman?"

Now for the answers:

"Work on developing shrimp-peeling machines has been in progress for some time in Germany and the Netherlands. However, development has not yet been carried enough for the machine to be used efficiently, so shrimp peeling will still have to be done by hand."

"It is occasionally necessary to put shrimps into cold storage when there has been particularly heavy catch and labour required for peeling unavailable, but there is no connection between this and a series of peeled shrimps and the Commission can see no need to subsidize the cost of storing a deep-freezing fresh shrimp. Shrimps are a very popular commodity in Community markets."

Well yes, I am sure they are but what about the crabs? A why no explanation why? A issue has been so blatant crabs? They would never be up with that at Westminster.

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NECESSARY BILL

Home Secretary's Bill during exceptional powers to... Home Secretary's Bill during exceptional powers to...

conditions of today, yet more intractable. Proscription of the IRA, and power to proscribe its front organizations, will not cause them to disappear...

there is cause to suspect of furthering or engaging in political violence. The authorities will have to exercise it without there being any obligation on people of the British Isles to possess travel or identity documents...

THE LITTLE WATERGATE IN TOKYO

Tanaka has had to resign as leader of the Liberal-Democratic Party and consequently as Japan's Prime Minister. He had enjoyed his steady loss of popularity over the past two years...

the air agreement. The Russians, seeking to outflank their Chinese enemies, dangled the carrot of partnership in exploiting raw materials in Siberia that Japan badly needed...

Tanaka is the first victim. Other prime ministers have been unpopular. Others have probably had dubious financial records. In various forms bribery has always been the accepted lubricant of Japanese political life...

Dealing with Irish terrorism—and Ulster fears

From Mr Nigel Lawson, Conservative MP for Blaby. Sir, More than three years ago, before direct rule was imposed in Northern Ireland, I wrote an article critical of the conventional wisdom on this subject...

garage while we had lunch with the clergy in Cathedral House. During the meal I mentioned the puncture and the first question I was asked was the name of the garage...

Irishman to fear reprisals from the IRA for doing such a thing but circumstances necessitate a clear stand because only such an action could build the reaction of ordinary citizens to the identifiable scapegoat—the Irish community...

The crisis in the stock market

From Mr Lewis Whyte. Sir, You concluded your leading article on Saturday with the sentence: "The crisis in the stock market is bad for the City, bad for industry and bad for Britain..."

Churchill's courage

From Mr Oscar Neman. Sir, With reference to your front page article of today (November 25), one of the outstanding characteristics of Sir Winston Churchill was that he could apologize whenever he was in an intertemporal mood...

Gibraltar proposals

From the Spanish Ambassador. Sir, May I once more make use of your columns for a brief comment both on Mr Xiberras's letter headed "Spanish Proposals on Gibraltar" (November 15) and that of Sir Joshua Hassan's "Gibraltar Proposals" (November 20)...

Comparative costs

From Mr D. G. J. Millington. Sir, May I add another example to that provided by Dr Thomson (November 23)? I am the joint landlord of a two-bedroom maisonette on the eastern outskirts of London...

Nelson knives

From Brigadier F. S. R. Mackenzie. Sir, In reply to the query by Mr Black in today's paper (November 22) for a fork with a single cutting edge, such a device exists known as a "Nelson" knife...

Detained in Russia

From Mr Yehudi Menuhin. Sir, It is heartening to see the immediate and ready response from all sectors of the British public to the Jewish appeal on behalf of the 30 innocent Jews arbitrarily held in Soviet Russia...

Long life and The Times

From Mr Will Roseff. Sir, Unfortunately I am afraid I must quibble with the assertion of Mrs Helen Miles in The Times (November 15) that the average age of The Times readers at death is 80.70 years...

Roadside food

From Mr Noel Armstrong. Sir, Another suggestion for road verges is that they should be sown with Jerusalem artichokes, easy to cultivate and a good crop. Artichokes make delicious soup, delicious deep fried in fat, can be boiled with white sauce and grated raw with vinegar...

Sale room practice

From Mr Ian Harris. Sir, I was interested to read Geraldine Norman's recent article. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the large London sale rooms have become a law unto themselves...

Cost of armaments

From Mr Robin F. Cook, Labour MP for Edinburgh Central, and others. We have been promised that in the near future there will be a statement by the Secretary of State for Defence on the cuts which he proposes to make in defence expenditure...

Most of armaments

our GNP which we spend on armaments to the lower level maintained by our European partners. This means more than simply postponing expenditure through national slippage on procurement contracts, which is being used to provide the "cut" of £175m imposed in December of last year...

Most of armaments

legislation applicable in New York should apply here, but I also think that the practice of circulating "estimated prices" should also be discouraged. These estimated prices are often highly misleading, and it is obviously in the auction rooms' interest to put them as high as they can...

THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

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Day-off pay strike halts Triumph car plant on day after restart

W. Shakespeare... Triumph's main Coventry plant... day-off pay strike... restart...

BSC hopes to meet demands by mid-1975

By Peter Hill... Qualified assurances have been given by the British Steel Corporation to British industry...



Dr. Monty Finniston: balancing supply and demand.

sumers next year, with world demand at least being in balance... Faced with this situation, the BSC has been seeking to secure export orders for delivery in the first quarter of next year...

Estate agents survey indicates still a buyers' market for homes

By Margaret Stone... Most agents indicate that prices at the end of August were either the same or lower than they were at the end of the previous quarter...

HOUSE SALES

Table with columns: Year, Average No. of houses on sale at end of period per agent, Average No. of houses on sale for more than 3 months per agent.

Looking to the future, Mr Thomas said that although there was a slight improvement to some sales, he did not think that could be too optimistic... He said the present net intake of building societies must be maintained...

Pound hits new low as dollar slides

By Melvyn Westlake... Sterling slumped to a new low on the foreign exchange yesterday against other key currencies... The dollar also continued its steady slide...

Industry must invest more, Mr Healey says

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in London yesterday that the Government was entitled to ask industry to increase productive investment and exports...

obligation to ensure that runaway wage inflation does not dissolve the fabric of our society... Mr Healey said that meetings of leading finance ministers, now taking place, were aiming to prevent the world recession from turning into a world slump...

Settlement hopes rise in shipyard dispute

Our Northern Industrial... stood to have offered a phased move toward wage parity... But at a recent mass meeting the strikers shouted down a senior union official who tried to explain the company's offer...

Banks fund £31m for export deals with Russia

By Christopher Wilkins... Three bank loans backed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department have been completed to finance contracts worth £31m to British-based companies from Russian state buyers...

Loans from Europe to UK steel

From David Cross... Two EEC loans are to be received by the British Steel Corporation for investment projects in South Wales and Yorkshire, they total £20m... One loan of £8m will be used to help finance a new sinter plant at the BSC's Port Talbot works...

Technical rally in equities but gilts fall back again

Equities enjoyed a technical rally yesterday on the London stock market but gilts fell back again, upset by pressure on sterling and on short-term money rates in London... The FT index closed 5.4 up at 170.0, and The Times index at 65.90, up 1.94 higher...

Jessel Securities stake in P & O placed

Jessel Securities' stake in P & O, believed to amount to some three-and-a-half million shares, or just under 3 per cent of the equity, had been placed through Hoare & Co. Goyett and W. I. Carr, it was reported yesterday... No details were officially announced...

Concordes for Iran

Iran Air, the Iranian airline, is now expected to place firm orders for two Anglo-French Concordes for two Anglo-French Concordes for two Anglo-French Concordes for two Anglo-French Concordes...

ayer chief forecasts boom of chemical boom

Anthony Rowley... a early end to the worldwide boom in chemical demand predicted yesterday by Herrert Grünewald, chief executive of Bayer, one of the big German chemical firms... Bayer might be unable to offset its higher costs by increased production and profits would suffer, he said...

Akroyd reveals £3.55m rise in pre-tax profits

Akroyd & Smithers, one of the largest jobbing firms on the Stock Exchange, yesterday disclosed a rise of 55 per cent in pre-tax profits to a total of £3.55m for 1973-74... The deal will be completed in London on December 6, when Dr Angelo Calmon de Sá, president of the Banco de Brasil, signs an agreement with the bank's nine co-managers and other participating institutions...

US trade surplus of \$29.4m for October

Continued from page 1... a level that the Federal Reserve Board currently desires to see... The Department of Commerce reported that provisional seasonally adjusted figures show exports on October rose to \$8,664.5m from \$8,286.2m in September... This is the highest ever monthly American export total...

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements: Rises (Anst Estates, Barclays, etc.), Falls (Anglo Amer Ind, B. H. South, etc.), and other market data.

THE POUND

Table showing exchange rates for various countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, US, Yugoslavia.

Brown Shipley Holdings Limited Interim Statement. For the half year to 30 September, 1974 the earnings of the Group were in line with those of the corresponding period of the previous year... Founders Court, London EC2R 7HE

Shell-Eso starts new N. Sea drill. A new and possibly significant oil drilling programme will be started by the Shell-Eso group in the southern part of the oil-bearing zones in the North Sea shortly... On other pages: Business appointments, Market reports, Share prices, Bank Base Rates Table, Company Meeting Reports, Raine Engineering Industries, South African Coal, Oil and Gas Corporation, Interim Statement: Brown Shipley Holdings, Prospectuses: Henry Boot & Sons, George M. Callender & Co

Record profits and strong order books. Extracts from the Accounts and Statement of the Chairman, Mr. Michael H. Taylor... *Pre-tax profits amounted to £304,980 (£127,886). The overall Group result is the best in the company's history and fully bears out the optimism expressed twelve months ago... *At the end of May, the Eifingham Steel Works Limited, Sheffield, was purchased... *The earnings per share have increased from 0.955p to 2.288p or approximately 140%. The Directors are therefore pleased to recommend an increased final dividend to the limit allowed by the Treasury.

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Borrowings by IMF from oil countries 'likely to increase'

From Frank Vogel Washington, Nov 26

Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said today that the IMF was likely to increase substantially the level of its borrowings from oil-producing countries in 1975.

He said he expected the IMF to play a considerably greater role in the coming year in the recycling of funds from oil-producing to oil-consuming countries.

In a speech to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations he implied that ministers of finance would take decisions in January to expand the IMF's oil facility.

The United States Administration has shown no enthusiasm for an expanded IMF facility, but Dr Witteveen is clearly confident that the green light for such a facility will be given at the interim committee meeting of ministers of the IMF.

Further, he indicated today that the enlarged facility would be so constructed that the IMF would be able to give special rate subsidies on loans to developing countries.

The United States Administration has recently indicated that the IMF facility should be maintained in its current form and that an entirely new recycling facility should be created outside of the IMF for industrial oil-consuming countries.

Dr Witteveen today welcomed the idea of a special oil facility, but argued that it would still be necessary for the IMF facility,

Kimber Die breaks N. American monopoly

By Clifford Webb

In a remarkably enterprising move, a little known Black Country drop forging firm has broken a United States monopoly controlling the supply of essential components to the huge North American agricultural equipment market.

Kimber Die & Tool, a family-owned business at Cradley Heath, Worcestershire, is now expanding to cope with export orders worth £2.5m to supply cutter guards for combine harvesters, swathes and mowers.

It also enables the company to grow at a time when other drop forges face contraction because of falling orders from the motor industry. KDT were dependent on the motor firms for 90 per cent of their business but following the success of the North American enterprise and smaller diversifications motor firms now account for only 10 per cent.

Mr Mick Wilkes, joint managing director, has just returned from the United States and Canada with the £2.5m order book. He said: "We began exploring the North American market a few years back, and found to our complete astonishment that one American firm, Buchanans of Michigan, were supplying the whole market with patented cutter guards similar to those we have been selling in Britain and Europe for a long time."

"We have now reached the stage where despite the distance we are recognized as the alternative supplier the Americans and Canadians have been looking for. We regularly airfreight deliveries to meet tight schedules."

Shell-Mex and BP to make substantial cuts in sales force

By Ronald Kershaw

Shell-Mex and BP, the United Kingdom joint marketing company of Shell and British Petroleum, is to make substantial cuts in its present sales force of about 3,000. A company spokesman said the cuts had nothing to do with broad separation and the final disappearance of the joint company at the end of next year.

"We have been selling less oil and have less need for men," he said, adding that redundancies would be kept to a minimum.

Unconfirmed reports say that when Shell and BP start marketing their products individually in this country in 1976, changes in both company sales structures will dispense with regional offices, a feature of the joint marketing company.

Another company spokesman said: "The oil industry has been faced with changes in the marketing environment, and this company has undertaken a reappraisal of its sales policy and consequent staff requirements."

In the light of these requirements some reorganization of the sales promotion and sales generation functions is proposed.

"In line with the company's normal practice this will be made by natural wastage and from non-recruitment of staff." Some staff are also likely to make discretionary releases.

"The number of people concerned in the reappraisal is very small in comparison with the total of staff in the group," he added. "Because of the countrywide nature of our business there will not be any question of a surplus in any one area."

The total sales organization of Shell and BP is about 3,000 people, and movements within this organization will be further to reduce the scale of the problem.

There has been talk of 35 to 40 per cent cuts, but the spokesman said: "We do not know the number of people involved and how much the problem will be ameliorated by non-recruitment."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prices and pay: Government keep out!

From Mr Ian A. M. Copland

Sir, The national debate about the social contract in general and threshold payments in particular has an air of unreality. The current wages explosion was not only predictable but was predicted by this Association in representations that it made in January and December, 1973, to the ranking ministers at the Department of Employment and to their civil servants and the Pay Board between times. Unlike many media commentators—*les clerics troissants*—we were not beguiled by the early apparent success of the Conservative Administration's incomes policy.

Our association had long had a modest form of index-linkage as part of our pay structure and our representations (frequently made jointly with the trade unions with whom we negotiate) were moderately aimed—but without success—at saving this element from the blind bludgeon of the Pay Code.

Index-linkage properly speaks whole distorting bog and have to the psychosis induced by inflation as a device for protecting earnings. At the level of national bargaining it should never be a complete offset except for the lowest paid, since room must be left for plant bargaining—that integral element of the British industrial relations culture.

At the plant management and unions can talk about change and the generation of wealth and it is ultimately here that the effective distribution takes place. The Stage Three threshold payments were ill founded because they were arbitrarily linked in time to the Phase Three calendar and not to individual principal pay settlements. Their impact was therefore frequently inequitable and without rationale since many people qualified for them immediately after they had received a substantial annual wage award.

Statutory prices and incomes policies fail in the long term because they cannot cope with innovation. If we are going to essay them again let us go the

rationing of food and raw materials and the direction of labour. If not, it is too much to governments to get right things which are truly in concern—the level of state peodure, the budget sur or deficit (preferably former), the rate of exch and the level of interest rate. Can they also run a for policy on the essential premise that nowadays the is either scared of the U Kingdom or interested in moral exhortations?

We in industry will bay sweat out the present v explosion but please give some respite from ill-j government intervention in area of prices and pay. In words of John, Paul, Ge Ringo and, most importa Bert... "We can wot out!"

Yours faithfully,
IAN A. M. COPLAND,
Chairman,
The Independent
Steel Employers Associat-
5 Cromwell Road,
London, SW7.

TV contractors expect November uplift

Television contractors' earnings from advertising dropped during October as cutbacks by regular heavyweight users took effect. But November is expected to show some improvement, with extra expenditure by seasonal advertisers like toy manufacturers and record merchandisers making up the difference.

Net revenue figures issued by the Independent Television Companies' Association for the month show a drop of over 3 per cent on October 1973. At £15.96m, the ITV network's net earnings are £1.5m below those for last year.

Television sales directors say that this month there appears to have been some increase compared with last year in advertising by toy manufacturers. Expenditure by record merchandisers like Ronco, Arcade and K-Tel is forecast at around a combined £1m during the Christmas period. In addition,

advertising a 53 per cent increase in publishing and a 29 per cent rise in retail advertising compared with October 1973. The two main declines in expenditure occurred for institutional and industrial advertising, down 15 per cent, and tobacco advertising, down 11 per cent.

Many contractors including London Weekend Television have been assiduously cultivating new advertisers to television such as finance houses and employment agencies.

Gross earnings figures as compiled by Media Expenditure Analysis at rate card prices are distorted by the 15 per cent (approximate) increase in TV rates introduced during October. But they show a rise of 61 per cent in entertainment

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Evidence sought on income levels

The Royal Commission, set up in August to examine the distribution of income and wealth, is seeking reports on personal income levels including fringe and non-monetary benefits, unearned income of all kinds, capital gains, and all forms of personal wealth between now and January 22, 1975.

This is the second reference on which the Commission has so far sought evidence.

Move to safeguard BSC scrap

By Peter Hill

Britain's scrap industry is likely to put new proposals to the British Steel Corporation before the end of the year to guarantee the state steel undertaking adequate supplies of scrap.

The management committee of the British Scrap Federation has invited members and regional associations to submit suggestions by the middle of next month on alternative proposals for meeting the BSC's scrap requirements.

This follows a meeting between representatives of the BSF and senior executives of the BSC at which Dr Monty Finnieston, the BSC chairman, confirmed that the corporation had entered into special commercial arrangements with a considerable number of scrap merchants to ensure that BSC was supplied with adequate amounts of scrap.

The scrap industry has been angered recently by the BSC's decision to make special arrangements with selected scrap companies under which BSC apparently pays higher prices for scrap in return for stable supplies of scrap.

But the BSF was assured that the arrangements were not considered inflexible and was invited to submit alternative proposals.

More liaison among tourist regions urged

By Patricia Tisdall

More liaison between tourist regions is recommended in a report issued yesterday by the regional tourist board officially representing Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Priority attention is needed, for example, to accommodation, entertainment and promotion of historical attractions to visitors.

According to the report, London is considered short of moderate cost accommodation. The South-East has it in abundance, together with excellent communications to London. London supplies entertainment generously, the South-East is perceived to be short of it. There is clearly much to be gained on both sides from close cooperation in these and other areas.

Other recommendations are that all facilities used for recreational leisure purposes, together with all varieties of accommodation, should be classified as tourist facilities, with the classification standardized for the whole region. At present, the report says, it is only in terms of accommodation that all interested parties agree on what constitutes a tourist facility.

The report, the result of 16 months work by the Tourism Management Consultants, is being used by the South-East England Tourist Board as the basis of its aims and strategy for tourism in the region.

Cost saving claim on concrete

British engineers have found a new way to increase the strength of concrete slabs and beams which, it is claimed, could lead to cost savings of up to 30 per cent. The discovery has been made at Salford University.

Tests have shown that fibrous cements, such as asbestos cement, used as an external anti-crack reinforcement makes it possible to increase the strength or reduce the size of slabs or beams.

Work on the project has been carried out in collaboration with TAC Construction Materials, a subsidiary of the Turner and Newall group. The method is the subject of worldwide patent applications.

Alberta opportunities for British industry

Mr G. Miles, British Consul in Edmonton, yesterday urged British industry to play a more active part in developing energy-based projects in Alberta. He stressed the importance of the Athabasca tar sands and the many projects connected with the exploitation of these resources.

Mr Miles and Alberta government officials were speaking at a London seminar sponsored by the British Overseas Trade Board.

Moisture content of coal

From Mr Richard Welsh

Sir, I have just had delivered 50 tons of Coalite, costing almost £18. It seemed wet, so I dried a sample and found the moisture content was over 25 per cent. I am told the British Standards Institution recommend 8-12 per cent as acceptable.

My coal merchant tells me he adds 7lb of wet coal per cwt because of the heavy rain yet I still seem to be getting about 10 per cent less fuel I should.

I was amazed to find there is no statutory maximum moisture levels for solid I. With coal such a political I could not our political something about this?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WELSH
Gallery House,
Duddinghoe East,
near Saffron Walden,
Essex.

Understanding heat pumps properly

However, if a recently granted United States patent for a heat pump integral with a fuel burning engine is developed, then the picture changes. Waste heat from the drive unit is combined with heat from the pump to give fuel economies of up to 30 per cent in winter conditions, and greater economies in warmer weather. The heavy capital expenditure in electrical generating plant necessary if "normal" heat pumps are to be widely used is not required. Against this, one supposes that we shall have to pay dearly

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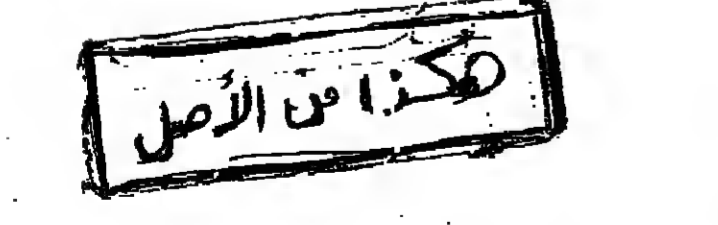
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The borrowings burden weighs on J. Lyons

Interim figures were not less than the bad feared and the participated fully in the rally, with up 9p to 63p and the up 5p to 65p. The main cause of the rally, including recent acute-like Baskin Robbins in the European companies, obviously the day.



Mr. R. L. Salmon, chairman of J. Lyons: conserving cash resources.

United Kingdom was, pretty gruesome for food and ice-cream companies—the latter will be in the second half but will not have done that break even after the "Tower" for the "Tower" costs. But despite this squeeze on United Kingdom margins, the offer of a price control freedom United States and some of Europe, has been to leave trading offices or at 11.2m.

arguable that, like the oil companies, chemical producers are now in uncharted territory so far as oil-derived raw material costs are concerned, not to mention domestic inflation.

Working capital should be improved by some £2.2m on implementation of the stock appreciation proposals of the Budget; and in any case House of Fraser's gearing is low relative to the stores sector and there is no cause for alarm in an interest charge for the nine months which has increased from £1.6m to £2.2m. Whether, however, the group has sufficient positive assets to command a prospective p/e ratio of 5.6 at 42p—assuming some £15m for the year after £10.5m pre-tax after nine months—is a moot point. True there is likely to be a full bid from Carter Hawley Hale at some point. But it may be a long time in coming, and the 12.5 per cent prospective yield is not really enough to make the shares a buy meantime.

Third quarter: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £5.2m
Sales £76.1m (£61.5m)
Pre-tax profits £3.99m (£4.52m)

Henry Boot Unusual strengths

Only those companies which can afford not to care much about share price performance in the secondary market can contemplate obtaining a listing just now, and such is the case with Henry Boot. With 36 per cent of its equity already held outside the family it is obtaining an introduction without having to offer shares to the public and a healthy looking balance sheet leaves it with few immediate financing problems. In fact its only interest in obtaining a listing is in enable it to lose its close company status, which has severely limited its freedom to move funds freely and efficiently between its various subsidiaries.

In all probability, Boot will be ranked much in line with the construction sector, which argues for a yield of around 12 per cent and hence a price in the 75p-85p range, or rather less if the market thinks earnings important enough to rate a p/e of 5.54 at that price as rather too high.

The case for treating Boot alongside the sector is that 39 per cent of its £1.8m profits come from construction, plant and joinery interests. And although construction is coming strong, joinery will be down hard enough this year to leave overall profits somewhat lower at around £17.5m. So Boot, despite its healthy five year record, is by no means immune to the construction cycle, which clearly poses some question marks for 1975.

But Boot has unusual strength in the form of a building society subsidiary, set up to enable it to sell houses it had built and owned to tenants who had previously rented from it. The society has never taken deposits from outside, broadly restricting its new lending to the amounts freed upon the early termination of existing loans. But while this policy has meant very little growth, except for that generated by rising interest rates, it has left the group with a back-bone of relatively dependable income. The finance division, of which the building society accounts for about three-quarters, contributed no less than 52 per cent of profits last year, while property rental income accounted for a further 13 per cent.

The building society is, admittedly, vulnerable to downturn in interest rates, but not on a scale to make more than a relatively small dent in profits. In short, the quality of earnings is rather higher than a simple construction industry tag would indicate.

The inquiry which Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, recently set up into the future of British Civil Aviation could well alter the whole shape of the industry when it reports back early in the new year.

It is certainly the most important look into airlines in this country since the committee under Sir Ronald Edwards came out with its conclusions in May, 1969. Arising out of the Edwards findings, the Conservative Government which came into power the following year, established the principle of the private "second force" airline, with British Caledonian as the chosen instrument.

Now the fear among the private sector of the industry is that the Shore committee could dismantle that principle, so giving the nationalized British Airways—the recently merged BEA and BOAC—a near monopoly of air services bearing the flag of this country.

The danger has already been firmly identified by Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, who in a speech to business students in Edinburgh last week raised the bogey of "British Goliath Airways" emerging from the inquiry, dominating not only the airline scene, but the travel scene as well.

Mr Thomson said that the bumper side would be "masses of unemployed pilots, navigators, flight engineers, cabin attendants and unskilled men and women, management and non-management alike. British Airways are already following a policy of early retirement, wastage and lay-off."

"A number of pilots are at the moment on fully paid leave for a year and BA have already said they could take BCAL's (British Caledonian's) operations over without employing any BCAL staff."

Behind these emotive words lies the fear that the new Labour Government may cut at British Caledonian in favour of British Airways on purely doctrinaire political grounds. The British Caledonian board has never forgotten the threats made by Labour spokesmen in opposition at the time, when the then Tory administration gave it BOAC and BEA routes as part of the second force deal, that these would be handed back to the state carrier when Labour regained office.

The fact that Labour have been back in office for nearly 12 months but have done nothing to carry out these policies has done nothing to still the fears of the British Caledonian management.

Lopping off the former state airline routes, to West Africa and to Paris, would be a serious blow to British Caledonian, but the management of the private airline plainly fears worse than that—to a complete takeover by British Airways. What will be its defence before the Shore committee?

One of the main planks in British Caledonian's case must be that having two designated British airlines in the international market increases this country's share, rather than reduces it. The airline's argument continues to be that its passengers are drawn not from those of British Airways, but from foreign carriers and from traffic newly generated.

It will make the point strongly that both before and since the second force designation it has steadily built up its size and strength, relying on a quick acting private enterprise management to respond far more quickly than does its state-owned competitor to market forces.

Its quick withdrawal from the north Atlantic charter field when rates and returns there virtually disappeared, and the

more recent painful decision to pruna its routes by 20 per cent and staff by 800 against a world background of rocketing fuel prices, will be cited as two classic examples of this.

Mr Shore's committee may question the management wisdom of starting scheduled services across the north Atlantic on April 1, 1973, only to withdraw them on November 1, 1974, as part of the pruning plan mentioned above.

British Caledonian's answer to that will be that it would not have launched the service, against some 20 other international carriers on the route, if it could have foreseen the Arab-Israeli war of October last year, after which the price of aviation fuel went up by 200 per cent.

It will also inevitably cite recent figures published by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations aviation body, which showed its productivity per man to be above that of workers inside the state corporation.

It is upon this question of the workforce of British Caledonian that the debate, and the long-term future of the airline, will most likely be decided. There is little doubt among most observers of the airline and political scene that the Government would like to see the private airline rolled up into British Airways, both on doctrinaire grounds and on grounds that size in air transport is equated with strength in the world aviation market.

But to adopt this course would result in almost 5,000 jobs being lost among the present British Caledonian staff, with small change of any other airlines. The obvious net gain would be the jobs created on employment in the Bristol area, and which looks as if it may be moving towards a similar answer in the case of the Hawker Siddeley HS 146 feeder-liner programme.



Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian: apprehension at the possibility of a "British Goliath Airways".

Would the Government be prepared to make a decision which could throw 5,000 people out of work and make Gwent, the British Caledonian base, a depressed area? It seems unlikely on the track record of the administration, which earlier this year saved the Concorde super-jet project from cancellation largely for fear of the effect on employment in the Bristol area, and which looks as if it may be moving towards a similar answer in the case of the Hawker Siddeley HS 146 feeder-liner programme.

Both managements of British Caledonian and British Airways agree that aviation ought to be taken out of politics. David Nicolson, chairman of the state carrier, said recently: "We need neither doctrinaire left-wing policies, nor doctrinaire right-wing policies now, but rather some good old doctrinaire management policies."

Each side realises, however, that such a dream can never be attained while this and all other governments play regulatory roles on international routes, air fares and safety, and in many cases bail their state airlines out when they find themselves in financial troubles.

One solution to the dilemma which may come from the Shore committee and which could be, if not politically attractive, economically acceptable in the Cabinet is to split the spheres of influence of the two airlines, state and private enterprise, into two separate sections, as is the case in France and Canada.

Under such a scheme the two British operators would no longer fly routes against one another, so overcoming the objections that the overall British effort was being dissipated. British Caledonian would be put out to live or die by its own commercial enterprise, while a further advantage of the scheme to government is that it would save fuel.

The great disadvantage to the travelling public would be that they would have no choice of British airline on international routes. But to prevent the airlines becoming lazy in a monopoly situation, there could be a series of route targets.

If it sank below one of these, the airline with the licence could be withdrawn so that its competitor could take over and show what it could do.

Arthur Reed

Third quarter 1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £18.8m
Sales £24.9m (£19.8m)
Pre-tax profits £3.29m (£5.96m)
Dividend 3.134p (3p)
weeks in each case.

House of Fraser Importance of final quarter

Nine months into the year to end-January there is still little enough that can be said with certainty on the outcome for House of Fraser, for last time the final quarter provided 45 per cent of the £20.7m net-tax. What is obvious from the figures for the 39 weeks to October 26 is that the rate of sales growth has steadied at just under 24 per cent, and that margins have once again started to slide. As against a 4.9 per cent reduction in the interim stage, House of Fraser's third quarter profits are down by 11.7 per cent.

Well ahead of the rate of inflation, that figure for sales growth is at first sight very creditable; it reflects, however, the inclusion of an unquantified first-time contribution from the Army & Navy Stores, which was acquired in September, 1973. It looks as though the "House of Fraser" at the interim stage, increase as far as it will go in the present trading climate and it will still be in the context of a margins control policy which the group describes as "penal"—forging ahead. However, the traditionally higher volume of sales in the final quarter should help to contain this margin erosion in the short term.

Of the rights issue by Charterhall Finance Holdings last week I said it would be interesting to see how much stock the underwriters were left with at the end of the day. Well, the answer is 31.5 per cent and that given the purpose of the issue and a particularly bearish week in a depressed market, cannot be counted as bad. United Kingdom and Australian acceptance (including those for excess shares) totalled 68.5 per cent, with about 10 per cent of that demand coming from Australia. Charterhall has a very broadly based sales register and if there are any implications here they seem to be that the small investor in North Sea oil is still prepared to put up real risk finance. Fear enough, though the rewards never looked less guaranteed.

ICL trailer

ICL is the first of the German firms to report their third quarter results, and as expected are good. Much more important, however, is the discrepancy (matching that by Alcoa) sales volume has gone down in the final quarter. The news there for ICI, due to rise tomorrow, are obvious enough.

The third quarter figures did not give the appearance of European demand and ICI's 1974 momentum, maintenance of growth in fourth quarter looks very open to doubt. True, a should be some residual fit to ICI of exporting into currency areas and invoice sterling. However, it is city utilization that really is and here the pointers buyer are unpromising.

Buyers share ratings in London and Frankfurt are still discounting the end of chemical boom. And firms and for organic intermediates, pharmaceuticals and protection agents will help falling demand from the drug, motor and textile areas. However, it is equally

Too few women

The Department of Employment, well aware that 1975 is going to be The Year of the Woman, is concerned that only one in eight of the representatives of industry sitting on industrial tribunals is a woman.

At the end of next year the tribunals will be handling cases concerned with equal pay and sex discrimination at work, besides the normal diet of unfair dismissals. Employment Secretary Michael Foot wants to appoint at least 50 more women members from the employers' side and as many from the unions.

Making clear the objectives in agricultural planning

Policy, as most of us in Britain understand it, is a definition of objectives rather than a formal constitution. In Europe the equivalent words more often denote the machinery by which objectives are supposed to be attained.

For agriculture it is the first kind of policy that is most needed now. In its most formative years the EEC common agricultural policy was far more definite on mechanisms than objectives. An apparatus for price maintenance was ready in detail long before agreement could be reached on basic price levels, absolute or relative—long, too, before problems of farm structure had been defined, let alone tackled.

As a result of all this and of the measures which individual members have felt obliged to take, the common agricultural policy has become a great deal less rigid. Its application will remain, as it has always been, a matter of political bargaining and compromise. The results will affect this country, in or out.

With 17 per cent of our total import bill being for food there is a stronger case than ever for a larger domestic production. Traditional suppliers have found some new markets and are, in any case, not prepared to contract far forward at low prices. We have been shown to be vulnerable to other interruptions of supply than outright war and blockade. World population increases threaten physical shortages we can no longer buy our way out of.

What then should be our course? Every supply crisis (as has happened with sugar) is likely to bring a demand for rationing, if not a full scale economy. The apparatus for formal consumer rationing does not exist and could not be created in time of peace except in a really authoritarian state, since it involves the registration and identification of the entire population.

The second of two articles by Leonard Amey on farming policy

farm products cannot always be left to the market. A continuation of very high grain prices, for instance, could seriously disturb the pattern of British farming and the national diet. We could do with more grain grown here, but we also need some animal protein, fruit and vegetables and even beet sugar, all of which have their place in a balanced national husbandry.

This is a point made in a privately circulated memorandum on long-term agricultural policy by Sir Frank Engledow, formerly Professor of Agriculture at Cambridge. In it he argues the need for a general agreement on objectives and means, similar to that which shaped and shaped fairly successfully our agriculture in the immediate postwar years. Such a policy must fit a situation in which we cannot

afford to be extravagant with either food or fertilizers and yet must put us in a stronger position to meet supply emergencies and to make some contribution to aid outside, where aid is needed.

As earlier, it must take into account the social needs of those engaged in the industry and also some new factors, such as the multiple use of land and the need to avoid or reduce environmental pollution. On structure, it must be positive and yet flexible. There is no optimum size for the farming unit; geography, soil and changing farming practice stand in the way of that. The Danes organized an ideal farm structure for the 1930s and 1940s which is hopelessly out of date for the 1970s.

Sir Frank Engledow's opinion that flexibility and efficiency will be greatest if there is deliberate encouragement of moderate-sized mixed farms in private and family hands. Their preservation and extension will obviously involve adjustments to general systems of taxation, particularly capital taxation. But some more careful examination of company farming and of cooperation in production also seems desirable. The last major exploration of British farming policy was that carried out a few weeks ago by the National Economic Development Office, whose agricultural section is still issuing commodity assessments. That work has not had the hoped-for impact on farming development, perhaps because its remit was too narrow and concerned with too short a period ahead. Many of those who took part were rather too closely involved in particular enterprises and rather too many detailed

recommendations were attempted. The material on which it had to work was, as always, partly history, partly incomplete and partly speculative. In agriculture the forecaster is always being overtaken by events, especially catastrophic events.

Some of these certainly lie ahead, including possibly (though I doubt it) the early onset of a new Ice Age. We shall be better able to change course to avoid their consequences if we know which way we intended to go before they hit us. It cannot be pretended that we are clear about objectives at the moment or that the immediate prospects in our farming are good. We can hardly hope for a grain harvest next year as large as this season's, since the autumn weather has hampered sowings on all but the highest land and thrown cultivation schedules out of gear.

On livestock farms the ministry survey has disclosed a fodder situation varying from barely adequate to desperate. One can only hope that measures taken to meet the emergencies of this season and the next will not be such as to prejudice longer-term prospects. Of this, in our present policy disarray, there can be no certainty. Francis Pym's suggestion of an all-party select committee might take some of the heat out of current controversy, but consideration of longer-term policy is not a field in which such committees have generally distinguished themselves. They tend to concentrate more on past mistakes and misdemeanours than on new departures. Others beside politicians need calling in here.

Business Diary: Keeling's next course • Goodson's war

appropriate that theessor to Kenneth Taylor as secretary of the Price Commission should be Desmond Keeling, an undersecretary at Ministry of Agriculture. It was a backdrop over of the last Conservative government's food price control when they were administered by that ministry.

ITT yesterday fielded Jim Goodson, vice-president of IIT Consumer Products Europe, and Eric Bates, managing director of IIT Consumer Products UK. Presumably in pursuit of "assiduous public relations" Goodson had yet to read Heller's book but said: "Look, I've got options to buy IIT stock at 44 and it's now at 174."

When the USAF bid became unconditional, Goodson was switched over to Mustangs, a variant of the Spirit designed in England, manufactured by North American Aviation and put into production by a refugee engineer from Dornier.

Perhaps the TUC will do better when it gets round to making a list of nominees. Now that the detested Industrial Relations Act is no more, unions are once again cooperating in industrial tribunals and they should have a difficulty in casting the rich vein of female talent within their ranks.

research post. My talents are much closer to manufacturing engineering and I felt too restricted. "There has not been a dramatic row. We parted without malice and we shall be maintaining some business relationship."

T in print
old Geneva's multinational moderate IIT had had a time from the literary lately. Anthony Sampson in his IIT: The Sovereign that the group's German idaries helped the Axis effort, while in The Com-

man Millionaire Robert Heller is arguing that "assiduous public relations and assiduous accountancy" may buy IIT's savings per share and there are the options of executives from Geneva downwards.

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Leyland waves
George Turnbull's resignation as managing director of British Leyland over a year ago is still making waves. Dr John Wallace, BL's 46-year-old director of engineering research, is the latest of Turnbull's old team at Austin Morris Longbridge, to leave the corporation.

Others included Filmer Paradise, director of sales, Harry Webster, technical director, and, a month ago, Frank Tilson, Turnbull's managing director of body and assembly. Like Dr Wallace they were all upset by changes following Turnbull's departure.

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Further cutbacks forecast by German car industry

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Low demand and continued weak export will force further production cutbacks in the West German car industry, the industry's Association of Manufacturers (VDA) said today.

Production of cars and commercial vehicles in October fell 2.68 per cent over September, 25,000, largely reflecting extra working days, 22 per cent less than in 1973. Car production fell 1.7 per cent below 1973, and lorry output fell 10 per cent.

First 10 months this year saw vehicle production of 258,000, fell 20 per cent over the same 1973 period, and a 22 per cent decrease in 18 per cent in exports last month but 31 per cent

FINANCIAL NEWS

Valor caught between consumer restraint and higher wages

By Peter Wadhvani
Valor, the cooker and heater group, have stumbled. In the 28 weeks to October 11 last, pre-tax profits fell by 38 per cent to £814,438, while sales slithered 20 per cent to £11.8m.

The growth case for Valor depended on natural gas cookers benefiting from rising costs of electricity, from pulling even more out of Newhome. Valor bought last year, and from manufacturing overseas. Last year this accounted for a fifth of profits but is higher now.

It seems that the growing tightness of consumer spending

began to bite, and so did the triggering of eight thresholds in addition to basic wage agreements. The group was unable to keep its own retail prices in step.

The interim forecast is ambiguous but not unhelpful. Mr Michael Montague, chairman, says that the immediate future is uncertain "during what may prove to be an exceptional year".

He adds that they do not expect a better second half year. But that intentionally leaves open the outside chance that it may be no worse than the first six months.

Valor has now finished with thresholds, and the key Christmas season may see strong demand for gas cookers. The hope, then, must be that pre-tax profits in the year to next March will reach £1.6m, against £2.6m for 1973-74.

In recent years the company has gone from strength to strength, yet the shares have tumbled. Earlier this year they were 75p, and ahead of yesterday's news were already resting at the year's "low". The interim bulletin lopped them another 4p to leave them at only 16p, where the yield on a maintained dividend would be just over 20 per cent.

Edgar Allen expect even stronger performance

Presenting peak profits last year rather better than expected with a 44 per cent rise to a peak £1.57 pre-tax, Edgar Allen, steel makers and engineers, maintained the upswing in the opening half to October 5.

Though raw material and skilled labour shortages prevented some subsidiaries from fulfilling their potential, pre-tax profits were up by 43 per cent to £877,000 on turnover 34 per cent higher at £11.71m. Order books remain good and the board looks to further progress in the second-half.

The "available" increased from £131,000 to £408,000, while earnings per share rose from 3.4p to 4.4p.

Orders on hand in United Kingdom subsidiaries are £18.3m compared with £10.2m with the value of exports on £1.47m (£794,000). Though there has been a deterioration in liquidity to the extent of £817,000 in the latest half, on present forecasts the board considers that there will be no further significant deterioration in the current half. Borrowing facilities are considered to be adequate.

In the past half, engineering contributed £5.3m (£4.2m) to turnover, and £303,000 (£217,000) profits, steel foundry, and forging £7.5m (£5.2m) and £642,000 (£451,000), respectively.

Airfix look to stronger second half for restoration of margins

By Tony May
A substantial advance in earnings was forecast for Airfix Industries this year, but at the net level, at any rate, the running will have to be made in the second half.

Although turnover has jumped by 35 per cent to £11.27m for the half year to September 30, taxable profits, although passing the £1m for the first time, are up only 10.7 per cent to £1.03m—pointing to a fall in margins from 11.2 per cent to 8.9 per cent. At the net level, profits have actually gone down from £507,000 to £496,000.

However, the board of this toys, household accessories,

packaging and footwear group says that margins in the second half are expected to return to the seasonal norm, reflecting the improved production facilities installed in the first half.

Mr Ralph Ehrmann, the chairman, reports that orders and production in every division are at record levels and are not restricted by any shortage of either raw materials or finance.

Commenting on Budget measures, Mr Ehrmann says "at the indicated tax saving relating to improved stock concessions will practically eliminate the tax liability of £634,000 which was due to be paid on January 1 for 1973-74."

Ldn Interstate Bank gets new German partner

London Interstate Bank, formed in 1971 as an international consortium bank, has been joined by the Hamburgische Landesbank Girozentrale.

The capital of London Interstate has been increased to allow Hamburgische to acquire 429,000 £1 ordinary shares, representing a holding of 13.85 per cent—equal to that of the other partners. In addition, it will take up subordinated debentures worth DM2.45m.

The influential Hamburgische, which has assets exceeding £1.257m, will play a significant part in broadening the scope of London Interstate's operations on the Continent.

Property side mars Ropner's record half

By David Mort
United Kingdom finance and property interests apart, all sections of the Ropner Holdings business contributed to a highly successful six months to September 30.

Including investment income up from £97,000 to £169,000 profits before tax soared 77 per cent to £981,000 after an interest charge down by £32,000 to £158,000. The dividend is raised from 1.1p to 1.2p.

The group's problems have come in the property and finance side where the loss went up from £13,000 to £58,000. In particular, the trouble is with Ropner's 40 per cent stake, coupled with secured loans of £800,000, in Greytown Property. So far, the main provider of finance to Greytown has been London Indemnity and General Insurance, where a provisional liquidator has now been appointed.

Talks are being held with the liquidator on the continued provision of finance by LI and with others on alternative sources of cash to meet Greytown's requirements. But at the moment the Ropner board will not quantify the amount of any provision which may have to be made to cover the Greytown investment.

Credit Bank granted car's moratorium

London, Nov. 26.—The International Credit Bank has been granted a one-year moratorium, from October 9—the date of decision—to grant the firm application was made yesterday by a Geneva-based company in accordance with the provisions of the Swiss Banking Commission, and investigated the state of the bank's finances. A committee in this case a firm of accountants appointed by the bank's board of directors during the period of the moratorium, which came into effect on September 15, reported a £8m loss by the Israel Investment Corporation, 15 years ago by Dr. Rosenbaum. It is said to have £30m in deposits, capital and reserves put up last month, the Landesbank Giro (Helaba) asked the transfer of the 1 share transfer contract, which the 36.4 per cent equity it held, in signing its withdrawal from

the ICB, the Frankfurt bank said its decision was due to "conduct not conforming to the rules of the International Banking" on the part of Dr. Rosenbaum.

Herstatt offer: The German banking consortium is ready to guarantee payment of DM100m (about £16m) to enable Herr Hans Gerling, chief shareholder of the German bank, to meet his commitments aimed at ensuring settlement quotas for Herstatt creditors, consortium leaders. Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and Deutsche Bank AG, said.

In a statement, the consortium leaders said the DM100m would ensure payment of the second half of the DM210m contribution. Herr Gerling has promised to pay into a special fund needed to ensure settlement quotas of 45 per cent for the domestic banks, 55 per cent for foreign banks and local authority creditors and 65 per cent for non-bank creditors.

However, the consortium set three conditions on its offer—first, Zurich Versicherungs-Gesellschaft must buy a 51 per cent stake in the total capital of the Gerling Insurance Group for the immediate DM100m payment.

Japan keeps interest rates high

Tokyo, Nov. 26.—Japan has no intention of following the United States and West Germany in taking measures aimed at reducing interest rates, Mr. Takagi, Vice-Minister of Finance, said today.

"We must maintain our current policies for some time to come," he said. "We cannot change until we see the end of the war against inflation."

Takagi said the Japanese government is today provisionally supplementing the supplementary budget for the current fiscal year ending March "of really operations" in the private sector economy maintain that the mal expenditures, which will be approved by the Diet, will considerably ease the fiscal and fiscal squeeze.

Isamu Miyazaki, chief of the government's economic planning agency, also conceded that the total spending will to some extent stimulate the economy.

The supplementary budget of a record 2,099,000m (about £3,000m), putting total government expenditure of the current fiscal year at 98,000m yen, up 25.7 per cent from 1973.

The supplementary budget is in full by revenue surplus in the previous fiscal year and by higher than expected tax collections in the current year.

Takagi, speaking at a luncheon for businessmen, used guarded optimism to describe near-term trends in the economy.

Takagi said there were no signs of a change in Japan's favourable trade balance, although, he said, various industries were not optimistic about overseas sales in the longer term. Japan's trade would continue to be sluggish or some time.—A.P.J.

Canberra action on dumping

Canberra, Nov. 26.—The Australian customs department has begun an investigation into alleged dumping of injection moulding machines in Australia.

Mr Lionel Murphy, the Customs and Excise Minister, said, "Pending the result, securities will be levied on injection moulding machine imports, effective immediately."

Mr Murphy said he was satisfied imports of machines at dumping prices would injure the Australian industry.

Earlier, Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister, announced he had asked the Government Temporary Assistance Authority to determine whether it was necessary to protect Australian industry in relation to the import of the machines.

This followed representations from John Consolidated, a leading local maker of the machines.

In Melbourne a John spokesman said the company considered that about 80 machines from Japan, the United Kingdom and East Germany had been dumped in recent months. The company sells about 100 to 140 machines a year, he said.

—Reuters.

Australia has strike record

Canberra, Nov. 26.—Days lost through strikes in Australia in the first eight months of this year totalled 5.6m, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. This compares with a loss of 1.8m in January to August 1973 and 2.6m for the whole of 1973.

A Bureau spokesman said the number of days lost so far this year exceeded the record 4.7m in 1917 but said the workforce was then much smaller.—Reuters.

John Laing has new group finance director

Denis Turner has become finance director of John Laing and Son.

Paul Girolami, financial director of Glaxo Holdings, has been appointed to National Westminster Bank's Inter London Board.

John Stainton has joined the Inshore group as a director. Clifford Nancarrow has been a director of Ball-Thermon.

Jeffrey Howles is to become chief executive of Wobaco Holding Company and chief executive of the group.

Michael Aldin is joining the group organisation in the new group taxation manager.

Andrew Laren has become group director of Foster Turner.

Mr Jan Badeni has been appointed director of Alderman Group.

A. S. Perloff has been appointed chairman and Mr W. G. is managing director of the group, following the resignation of Mr D. N. Lever, who became honorary president.

Bottero and Mr E. S. Simpson are additional directors.

Mr Campion Carter has joined the board of J. E. Foster (Construction) as finance director.

Mr John Nicholls has been made marketing and sales director of Associated Fisheries and Foods.

Mr Donald Mathias is retiring as managing director of Pedigree Petfoods but will continue his association as chairman.

Mr John Barnes becomes technical director of Relite Electric.

Mr Peter Carruthers has been appointed director and general manager of Simplex-Circulme.

Mr John Critch becomes managing director of Heenan's.

Mr Frank Harding joins the board of Francis Chappell & Sons.

Mr James Davidson, managing director of the Clyde Port Authority, is the new chairman of the National Association of Port Employers.

Mr Harold Auker and Mr John Illingworth have joined the board of Lyco & Lyon.

Mr J. F. Donald, a director of Guinness & Nestlé's, and chairman of Firth Cleveland, has been appointed chairman of GKN International Trading (Holdings).

Mr J. J. S. Simpson becomes executive and managing director.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Technical rally extended in late dealings

The share market staged a technical recovery yesterday, when small gains among the leading shares were sharpened in late dealings by a further easing of United States prime rates and reports that Mr Healey had urged industry to invest the cash relief granted in the Budget.

Barclays Bk (118p) and Lloyds (106p) added 8p and 6p respectively. Among the overseas earners, Australia & New Zealand Bank closed firmly at 152p following the profits statement.

a firmer trend. BLMC (71p), GKN (124p), Tube Investments (148p) and Metal Box (135p) all closed with minor gains. A rise of 3p took Vickers to 82p, apparently unaffected by the prospect of a statement on defence in the House of Commons next week.

the form of sharply lower profits from Lyons. But, with the market long discounting poor figures in the share price, and the City relieved that there were no fund raising plans, the "A" shares in Lyons rose by 9p to 63p. The denial or rumours of a rights issue plan lifted shares in Reckitt & Colman to 120p.

Transparent Paper gains more momentum

Confounding the sceptics in the preceding full year with pre-tax profits more than doubled on turnover up 20 per cent, Transparent Paper reports opening profits again more than doubled from £303,000 to £757,000. Turnover was raised by 51 per cent to £7.26m.

continued development of the business, the directors say in their report. Great care is being exercised over capital expenditure and certain projects, mainly to raise export potential, are proceeding.



Mr Richard Greenfield, chairman of Greenfield Millets: Benefits of expansion coming through.

share to 30 cents on 1 from \$905.3m to \$1 For the nine-month period, income was \$29.77m (\$4.95 cents a share) (\$1.4 sales up from \$2.54 \$2,895.3m.

ANZ Bank profits cheer

Shares of Australian Zealand Banking surged yesterday to 152p to the results. The interim forecast board that the annual board that the annual figure has been fulfilled tax profits are down cent to £12.7m, but e in Australian currency show a rise of 1.5 per cent difference is caused m that distributions in A and New Zealand to Se Earnings a share a (against 41.7p), but 1 dead rises from 10.5p t

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. Includes entries for Barclays Bank, Lloyds, and various industrial companies.

Record pre-tax of £1.9m from Matthew Brown

A slightly faster second half enabled Matthew Brown, the Blackburn-based brewer, to push up taxable profits more than 6 per cent to a best-ever £1.9m in its last term to September 28.

Buoyant note from Greenfield Millets

Leisurewear and camping group, Greenfield Millets, gives unusually buoyant news in that results for the year to October 31, 1974, will surpass last year's record £533,000 pre-tax, while the present term shows no signs of slackening.

Anthony Carrimore

Anthony Carrimore, Durham-based makers of car transporters, standard and special trailers and semi-trailers, turned to further losses in the year to January 31. Again there is no dividend. Group losses totalled £361,000 (against £97,000) after crediting investment grants of £6,700 (£37,000) and charging depreciation of £84,000 (£56,000).

British side pulls down U.S. Woolworth

The 12.9 per cent fall in the taxable profits of F. W. Woolworth in the nine months to October 31 from £24.1m to £21m, has had its repercussions in the nine month result of the United States parent.

Flying start by Brickhouse

Brickhouse Dudle Staffordshire-based m mbanote and inspection has made a flying start 75 with taxable profits a 54 per cent gain to half and turnover m doubled. The figures six months profits of Manufacturing for the £ and three months profit Cast Iron Drairage. Profit jumped from £4 £710,000 from turnover £2.8m to £6.14m.

Irish Leathers dec

On turnover for the 1 to June 30 of £7.02m £1.9m, the price year, pre-tax profits. Leathers, on the same, son come out at £135,000 £501,000. The avail: £88,000 (£354,000 for a known, the interim i was halved at 0.625p.

Briefly

ELSWICK-HOPPER Turnover for half year £1.84m (£1.43m). Pre-tax profits, £154,000 (£113,000). Earnings a share 2.25p (1.52p). Dividend, 0.43p (0.26p); and board hopes to pay total 0.55p (0.53p) gross.

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Interim sales £3.8m (£3.5m). Interim profits, £193,000 (£168,000). Dividend is up from 1.5p to 1.57p. Trade is slower, but orders should ensure a satisfactory operation into 1975.

RAINE ENGINEERING

Record first half forecast by Mr Michael Taylor at meeting. Order position for rolled steel and engineering products had now eased to "realistic" level, ensuring continuing full production.

WINTERBUR—CNA

On tender by Loews Corp for shares in CNA Financial Corp, of US, Accident & Casualty Insurance, of Winterthur, Switzerland, shares. It will not tender any of £30,000 "A" preferred shares owned.

WOLSELEY-HUGHES

Credit facilities have been arranged by Wolseley-Hughes to provide working capital for the

A. & J. Mucklow

Mr J. Mucklow, chairman of A. & J. Mucklow Group, the horse builders and estate developers, says the group is stronger than at any time in the past and the board intend to continue their policy of cautious expansion.

Plaxtons lower

Following six years of steady growth in which profits and turnover of Plaxtons (Scarborough), the coach builders, have been built up to peak levels, last year saw the first downturn with profits showing a 17 per cent fall after being down over 27 per cent at

Issues & Loans

old Mr Basil Engert, 1 grow in real terms by cent a year; to build factory and eventually i in Southern Ireland; raise the standard of r ing used in Britain to C tal standards.

Callender back from suspension

Next Tuesday sees the relisting of George M. Callender whose shares were suspended last February while a much larger company, Engert & Rolfe was injected into it.

Local authorities

The coupon on local yearling bonds is up canly this week, rising 12p per cent to 13p, with an issue price of £3.10 to 15p cent in more terms. But at present volume sales are nearly 5 per cent down on a year ago, though margins (set by the prices charged by market leaders with heavier overheads) are holding up.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table listing Eurobond prices for various countries and maturities, including columns for Bid, Offer, and specific bond details.



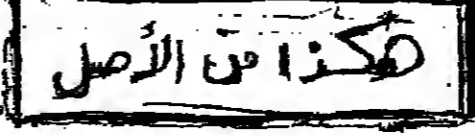
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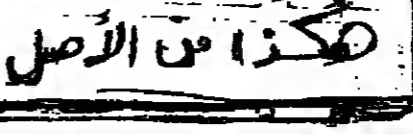
Chairman's Report

Delivered by Dr PE Rousseau at the twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, on 26 November 1974.

The consolidated profit after tax for the year was R17 113 000. This represents a substantial increase over that of the previous year, but contains a large non-recurrent element. The figure which is directly comparable with last year's taxed profit of R 435 000 is R12 012,000, representing a 27% increase.

the main feedstock for the manufacture of plastics. In order to stabilise the supply of ethylene, additional naphtha and ethane cracking facilities will be installed in the course of 1975.





FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Cocoa futures gain up to £13.50 a tonne

London futures for cocoa gained up to £13.50 a tonne yesterday, with the main contract rising to £1,320.50.

Commodities

White sugar, London, 16/00-16/10; Coffee, London, 12/00-12/10; Wheat, London, 11/00-11/10.

Foreign Exchange

Record low for the pound

Sterling dropped to its weakest point ever against the world's major currencies yesterday, its effective rate against the mark worsened to a record 20.6 per cent from Monday's 20.7 per cent.

Spot Position of Sterling

Money Market Rates

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies and money market rates for different terms.

Discount market

US soybean stocks rise sharply

London discount houses had an unexpectedly difficult day in that the authorities were constantly revising (usually downwards) their estimates of the day's surplus.

Wade set on expansion

Burgon & Ball

Having earned a record £705,000 in the preceding year, Wade Potteries is well equipped to face the problems which lie ahead, says Mr Anthony Wade, chairman.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors like All-Share, Industrial, and Foreign.

A sugar Opec?

Sugar prices have boomed this year, reaching a record £50 a tonne last week. Yesterday it was down to £58 but this was no less than £47 a tonne higher than a year ago.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies and commodities.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table listing authorized units, insurance companies, and offshore funds.

Charterhall result

Charterhall Finance has received applications from shareholders for 68.5 per cent of the shares offered as rights at 20p each.

Turner and Newall is proposing

Turner and Newall is proposing to increase the interest rate by 1 per cent on the 7 per cent unsecured loan stock 1987-92.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 26.—Wall Street stocks were mostly higher on light volume early today.

Bank Base Rates

Table showing bank base rates for various banks like Barclays, Lloyds, and HSBC.

Authorized Units

Table listing authorized units for various companies.

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Table listing insurance bonds and funds.

Offshore and International Funds

Table listing offshore and international funds.

NY sugar has another limit fall

New York, Nov 26.—World SUGAR futures fell to a new low of 15.00 cents per pound yesterday.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Technical rally

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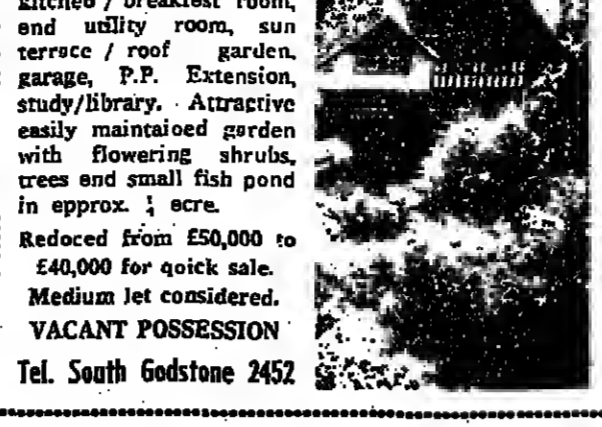
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2 But it's of primary importance to shoemakers (4).

3 Yet this camera gets through film more quickly (4-6).

4 She goes back a distance of 57 yards (4).

5 Where American planners went, yet stayed alive (4).

6 Makes nothing of the "Fuel is it" difficulty (9).

7 Rolls along with Isabella (nee Wartie) and her husband (8).

8 Nettle beer? (6).

9 Doo is a foot beside you. Say, mc (6).

10 Power of the Bar (8).

11 Noble a horse? Man's right crase (4).

12 Those of Cleopatra's barge were silver (4).

13 Blue boots (4).

14 A vessel always with tea, perhaps, to declare (10).

15 The old artist's back to a time (4).

16 A rich man finds it hard to get by this key-holder (5, 5).

DOWN

1 Is this customer of no account? (4).

2 Walden man's annual tea hour (7).

3 His cravat was a royal umbrella present (6, 6).

4 Geometrically produced 60 per cent extra, then finished (8).

5 Simple type of Chinese sword (6).

6 Modish sort of harp (7).

7 How Dr Spoocher changed his initials, or his keys? (10).

8 Poor shepherd's (6, 2-4).

9 Novel therapy's under way (Scottish dancing) (10).

10 As glaucous as Carlyle's Robespierre (3-5).

11 Point to a Twelfth Night character in old Palestine (7).

12 Some chicken kept by readers of this paper (7).

13 Noxious exhalation in Thailand once worried a scholar (5).

14 Eodora the brute (4).

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